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Not all Head Start kids received a Christmas meal or presents

I'm calling about the little thing you had, "Santa turns on the lights for kids" (Dec. 30, 2001 Eyewitness). My grandchild was one of the Head Start kids. He went to the Festival of Lights, and there was no Santa where they ate, and he never got any toys.

I would like to know who got the toys? If only certain kids got the toys.

The whole article is misleading and I would like more information about it.

It matters how we treat friends, family, neighbors, and strangers

I think it is an admirable task to go searching for manglers during the Christmas season. I love them and have a few myself. To Ms. Todd, good luck in your search as I believe that more people truly need to be reminded of the real reason we celebrate December 25th.

However having stated my support of the decorations, I don't judge people solely by their plastic displays or lack thereof. What matters is what is unseen from most of the public, but not from our Lord, the way we treat our neighbors, friends, family and most of all strangers. A display of kindness and compassion is the best display of all.

You must be out of your mind to want more snow at Christmas

Hey, I'm calling about that article about the snow. I don't know what you're talking about. But as far as more snow, you must be out of your mind.

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Appeals Court agrees to hear deepwell arguments

It is back to court again for ongoing combatants Environmental Disposal Services (EDS) and the cities of Romulus and Taylor.

A three-judge Michigan Court of Appeals panel agreed January 3 to hear the appeal of a decision made by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Amy Hathaway.

On August 24, 2001, Hathaway sided with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), which issued a permit to EDS to construct a facility that would accept transported hazardous waste, store and treat the waste, and inject the waste into a well to be located in Romulus.

The MDEQ decision was contrary to a recommendation made by a Site Review Board, which cited nine reasons why the facility should not be built or operate in Romulus.

The Court of Appeals ruling puts the permit issued by the MDEQ in jeopardy. Neil Silver, an attorney with the firm Strobl, Cunningham, Caretti and Sharp, said the legal team representing the cities of Romulus and Taylor have 56 days to file briefs with the appeals court.

EDS will then be given 35 days to file its response briefs. Then, the attorneys for Romulus and Taylor would receive another three weeks to file a reply brief.

The judges could make their decision solely upon legal briefs or allow both sides to make oral arguments, Silver said.

"We made extremely strong and well-grounded legal arguments as to why this facility should not be sited in Romulus," Taylor Mayor Gregory Pitoniak, said. "The decision by the Court of Appeals to hear arguments in the case is a significant step in our battle against this needless hazardous-waste well."

The communities filed the appeal based on:

*The clear prohibition within the statute and rules against the siting of hazardous waste facilities in wetlands.

*The failure of the the state to promulgate any rules for implementing the State Hazardous Waste Plan as specifically required by statute.

*The failure to consider need for this type of facility despite overwhelming evidence of over-capacity in this region.

*The fact that the state showed undue bias toward the applicant.

Circuit Court Judge Hathaway summarily dismissed each of the the arguments. She ruled that the permit was lawful, supported by competent, material and substantial evidence, and was not arbitrary or capricious, therefore affirming the state's issuance of the permit.

"The MDEQ decision to issue the permit disappointed thousands of area residents who have been opposed to the project," said Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert. "Our community stands firmly opposed to this well."

Silver said the appeals court did not have to hear the appeal and could have let the circuit court ruling stand.

"It appears there must be some issues worth looking at after all," said Silver.



National Educational Expert Jack Bowsher (third from left) recently visited and praised the Romulus School District. Pictured with Bowsher (left to right) are Wendy Blohm, Cory Learning Center Specialist; Sharon Silveri, Halecreek Principal; Tom Dolan (in rear), Curriculum Director; Chris Smith, District Technology Consultant; and Phyllis Adkins, Cory Principal.

Expert offers praise to schools

A nationally known educational expert, Dr. Jack Bowsher, recently paid a visit to the Romulus Community Schools. Dr. Bowsher is a consultant and lecturer on school improvement and comes from a business background at IBM where he was the head of staff training and development.

He is the author of a book "Fix Schools First" and specializes in adopting technology to education.

Dr. Bowsher noted that he has toured many K-12 schools during the past fifteen years and that, "your school system is one of the most impressive districts that I have visited. Your complete focus on student learning is impressive and your efforts to have a consistent integrated curriculum throughout the school district along with a common assessment system is right on target."

Dr. Bowsher continued, "your utilization of technology is on the leading edge and places Romulus among the top five percent of school districts across America. Your Teaching and Learning manual is by far, one of the most outstanding documents that I have read."

He also announced that the Romulus District has been featured in the fall 2001 customer newsletter of the Compass Learning Corporation that was sent out to over 12,000 educators nationwide.

The newsletter featured an article

about the Romulus Schools entitled, "Curriculum and Standards: Enhancing Student Achievement District Wide."

Romulus Curriculum Director Tom Dolan was pleased with the recognition accorded the district by both Bowsher and the Compass Learning article.

Dolan noted, "we are trying to be on the cutting edge in customizing our educational program to meet the individual needs of our students. We are particularly pleased with the validation of our hard work by the district's improving MEAP scores."

Romulus exceeded the state averages in three of the five elementary MEAP tests last spring.

Mother begs Council for full-time firefighters Son died in blaze

At the January 8 city council meeting the mother of Joseph Reed Jr., who was killed in a fire at his home on December 29, pleaded with city council and Mayor Lambert for a full-time fire department.

Cheryl Reed believes the fire at her house that caused the death of her son could've been avoided. "My house wasn't burned bad enough for my son to die in that fire," said Reed.

According to Reed there are three fire department vehicles parked five or six houses from her residence and not one of them responded to the call she made to 911.

"I understand the volunteer fire people were in their beds and they had to get dressed and assemble at the fire station, but couldn't just one of these people that live in my own subdivision offer to help that had City of Romulus Fire Department written on the side of their car?" said Reed.

WJBK Fox 2 News was present at the meeting also to air Reed as their lead story on the ten o'clock news. Reed thanked her friends, neighbors and her son's friends from school for helping her cope with the tragedy.

The council offered a memorial resolution for her son and expressed their sympathy toward Reed but did not discuss the matter further that night.



Medical First Responder students James Vanderhooft and Courtney Pemberton work on victim Randy Akers in a special class exercise at Community High in Romulus. This special class is offered by Wayne County Community College and can provide college credit.

Class teaches medical responding

Students from Romulus and Belleville are taking part in a new Medical First Responder class. Instructor Michelle Gonyea explained that this class is designed to allow someone to help out in medical emergencies until EMS arrives at the scene.

Gonyea said that students in this class can earn college credit by receiving a grade of 80% or better. Students can then qualify for the next level class which can lead to a state license. The classes have life model equipment available and students

interact in various accident/injury scenarios as they learn about proper procedures to treat victims.

The class is sponsored by Community High which is an alternative high school of choice and has students enrolled from the Romulus and Belleville area.

With help from Wayne County Community College, Community High will have several additional classrooms available for instructional use in the second semester this school year including a new science lab.

News in brief

Teen take police on wild chase

A Romulus teen who took Belleville police on a chase through town was arraigned in 34th District Court on one felony count of receiving and concealing, two felony counts of fleeing and eluding, one misdemeanor charge of drunk driving and one misdemeanor charge for not having an operator's license.

John Marcus Williams, 17, was stopped by an officer on routine patrol shortly after midnight on West Columbia Avenue. Williams drove off and later ditched the vehicle and took off on foot with a female passenger.

The two proceeded to hotwire a vehicle on the 400 block of West Columbia only to be pursued by police from Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter. The chase ended when Williams smashed the stolen vehicle into a Van Buren police car on Savage Road.

Builders fined

Two Romulus builders have been ordered to make restitution by the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

Thomas R. Maycock, owner of Maycock Construction Co. was fined \$1,500 and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$39,000 to an anonymous complainant. Maycock was found guilty of failing to perform in a workmanlike manner, failing to correct within reasonable time and failing to comply with the building code.

Conrad Lee Samonek was fined \$3,500 and ordered to pay restitution totaling \$27,900 for violating a rule of conduct and failing to comply with the building code.

New phones at schools

The new Romulus Community School District phone system will begin service on Monday, January 14.

All district phones will now have the same 532 exchange and it will no longer be necessary to make long distance calls between buildings. The district is expected to have better phone service and realize a substantial savings with the new system.

The new Board of Education number is 532-1600. Call the high school at 532-1000; the middle school at 532-1700 and Barth Elementary at 532-1250. You can reach Cory Elementary by calling 532-1300; Halecreek Elementary, 532-1350; Merriam Elementary, 532-1400; Romulus Elementary, 532-1450; and Wick Elementary, 532-1500.

Mayor to speak

The monthly Romulus Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be held on Tuesday, January 15, at the Best Western Gateway Hotel located at 9191 Wickham Road. The speaker will be Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert who will give a city update.

Contact Chamber Executive Secretary Barbara Ann Snyder at 326-4290 for further information.

Book club resumes

The African-American Book Club will resume meeting on the the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Romulus Public Library at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. Call 942-7589 for more information.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

Free clothes offered to children of needy

A church group is offering free winter clothing to the children of the needy. Clothing also will be made available to women and men who are in need, church officials say.

The clothes give away is scheduled for this Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Middlebelt Baptist Church, 943 Middlebelt Road.

"During these cold and wintry days, many go without warm clothing," said Myrtle Cook, a church spokesperson. "We're hoping that those in need who see this article will take advantage."

The congregation will give away clothing from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Additional information may be obtained by telephone by dialing 734-728-3838.



'Bon Voyage'

A 'Bon Voyage' luncheon was held recently for Carolyn James of Inkster at the Mountain Jack's Steakhouse in Dearborn Heights. James is planning to move to sunny, 'fun city' Las Vegas, Nevada. Members of her family, church, and social groups recently gathered with her to reminisce about her life in Inkster and wish her fond farewell. The lyrics to a familiar tune 'It's So Hard To Say Good-Bye' proved to be very appropriate for the occasion. It was very hard to say good-bye to James who has been very active in her church, Smith Chapel A.M.E., pastored by Rev. Thomas Higginbotham, and in the community. James thanked all for attending the special event, and she promised to 'keep in touch.' Photo by Theola Jones.

OBITUARIES

ADAMS, MICKIE, 84, of Detroit (born in Winchester, KY to Moses and Mickie Adams), passed away October 28. She leaves behind to cherish her memories her sons George and James; grandchildren James Jr., Rena, and Kimberly; nine great-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. W. W. Davis officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park.

ALLEN, ANNETTE L., 83, of Belleville, passed away December 11. Beloved wife of the late Cecil Allen. Loving father of Pat Innes and Kimberly (Lloyd) Pingston. Grandfather of Ronald Walk, Lindsay Pingston and Erica Duncan. Great-grandfather of Jessica Walk, Michael Duncan and Megan Walk. Great-great grandfather to Trenton Majski. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. George Turner officiating. Interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

BAKER, HUGH D., 79, of Wayne, passed away December 4. Loving husband of Betty Baker. Beloved father of Judith Baker, Hugh R. (Monica) Baker, Elizabeth (Harvey) O'Conner, and the late Kathryn Baker. Dearest grandfather of Kristen Solberg, James Solberg, Melissa Solberg-Hechlik, John Cameron, Todd Cameron, Gregory Baker, Lee Ann Baker, Steven Baker, Mark Albright, Eric Albright, Anne Thomas and the late Michael Cameron. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

BONNER, BETTY MAE, 73, of Inkster (born in West Point, GA to Willie and Willie Lee Billingslea), passed away November 13. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband Willie; her children Rodney, Kenneth, Ramona, and Jeffrey; four siblings; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home. Funeral services were held

at Springhill Baptist Church with Rev. Oscar Carter officiating.

BONNER, LAWRENCE, 52, of Inkster (born in Summerville, TN to William and Gladys Bonner), passed away October 30. He leaves to mourn his passing his father William; his sisters Betty, Katherine, Morlene, and Priscilla; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home. Services were held at the Greater First Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Mason, TN.

CANTWELL, HAROLD, 75, of Detroit (born in Louisville, KY), passed away November 5. He leaves to mourn his passing his daughter Sandy Falkiewicz, family, and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home. Cremation rites have been accorded.

CHASE, RICHARD W., 66, of Romulus, passed away December 9. He is survived by sister Margaret (Jim) Gauvreau of Belleville, Phyllis (Emil) Green-Jakab of Canada, son David, niece Rebecca Green and nephews Brian Green and John Gauvreau. He was preceded in death by son, Ricky, spouse Martha, parents John & Elizabeth Nacha and brother-in-law Victor Green. Mr. Chase was retired from the United States Air Force after 20 yrs, as well as, General Motors Powertrain after 20 yrs. He was a member of the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars, Belleville Moose and the Wayne Eagles. Funeral services were held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Arrangements by Crane Funeral Home.

CORDEN, JUNE DELORES, 75, of Westland, passed away December 8. Beloved wife of the late Lewis Corden. Loving mother of Barry (Cindy) Corden. Loving grandmother of Nicholas and Derek Corden. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Fr. Gerard Bechard officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West,

Westland. The family requests contributions to be made to SS Simon and Jude Building Fund or Washtenaw Hospice.

CROMIE, FRED WILLIAM, 58, of Westland, passed away December 11. Mr. Cromie was a retired police officer with the City of Westland Police Department and a former Commander of the Dearborn Power Squadron. Beloved husband of Mary Jo. Dear father of Craig J. (Kathy) and Jennifer. Son of the late George and Josephine. Dearest brother of George W. Cromie. Loving grandfather of Mario, Amanda, Craig Jr., and Megan. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Interment followed at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Hts.

LITTLE, BETTY L., 62 of Belleville, passed away December 3. Beloved wife of Billy Little. Dear mother of Cary Billy (Polly) Little of Belleville, Sherry (Gary) Bynum of Ypsilanti, Teresa (Kevin) Martin of Belleville, Terry (Debbie) Little of Tennessee and Ronald Little of Flat Rock. Dear daughter of the late Walter Henry & Marie (Vivier) Pappenfuss. Sister of Gordon (Nancy) Pappenfuss of Texas, Beverly Shedd of Florida and Diana (Fred) Speck of Lapeer. Preceded in death by brother Donald Pappenfuss. Also survived by 14 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated by the Little Family.

MARTIN, DOROTHY, 65, of Romulus (born in Winston Salem, N.C. to William and Carrie Loyd), passed away October 24. She leaves behind to cherish her memories her children John, William, Jacqueline, Michael, James, Lynwood, Vonda, Derrick, Edmon, Delores, and Beverly; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Romulus Community Baptist Church with rev. Hiram McBurrows officiating. Interment followed at Romulus Cemetery.

MILLIE, ALBERT, 85, of Wayne, passed away December 12. Beloved husband of Lucile. Dear father of Albert (Deborah) and Beth (Mike) Coutts. Dear brother of Ruth Snyder and Anne Morrissey. Loving grandfather of 7. Funeral services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne.

MONKS, ARTHUR C., 80, of Belleville, passed away December 4. Loving husband of Virginia M. (Allan) Monks. Dear father of Susan (Tommy) Whitten of Canton and John (Wanda) Monks of Belleville. Dear son of the late Joseph & Lina (Poet) Monks. Brother of Mary Loren Hansen of Canton and Helen Petraska of Romulus. Preceded in death by granddaughter Linda Whitten, a brother Charles Monks also 3 sisters Cora Warner, Jennie Brenner and Dorothy Elliott. Also 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Mr. Monks was a lifelong resident of Belleville where he owned and operated Fielders Collision. He was also on the Belleville Police Reserves for over 10 yrs. He was a member of Farm Bureau and a former member of the Willis Kiwanis Club. Mr Monks served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps as crew chief and flight engineer.

Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Dr. Kenneth Miller officiating. Interment Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Memorial contributions to Belleville Goodfellows or the Salvation Army would be appreciated by the Monks family.

PRESSLEY, ROBERT, 83, of Romulus (born in Anderson, SC to Tom and Lottie Pressley) passed away November 18. He leaves to mourn his passing his children Sharon, Roberta, Antonio, Maurice, Elvis, and Darick; seventeen grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Willie W. David officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park.

REED JR., JOSEPH, 17, of Romulus, passed away December 29, 2001. He was a Senior at Romulus High School. Loving son of Sherrill Reed. Dear brother of Kevin and Jon Reed. Beloved nephew of Mary Carson and Michele & Kirk Hudson. Loved boyfriend of Crystle. Funeral services were held at Crane Funeral Home, Romulus with Pastor McKinley Wells officiating. Interment followed at Romulus Cemetery.

RICE, PALESTINE, 71, of Westland, passed away December 4. Beloved husband of Monnie Fay Rice. Loving father of Vicki (Chuck) West. Dearest brother of Elmer, Elizabeth, Jewell, Junior, Buelah, Ralph and the late Ken. Funeral service were held at the Uht Funeral Home. Interment followed at Southern Michigan Services, Livonia.

ROBINSON, JIMMY, 62, of Inkster (born to Booker and Irene Robinson), passed away November 19. He loved music and could play the guitar and saxophone. He leaves to cherish his memory his mother Irene; sisters Loretta, Lorene, and Maxine; three brothers; special friend Joe Ayler; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Christ Temple Church. Interment followed at Westlawn Cemetery, Wayne.

RUTLEDGE, ALFRED, 58, of Ypsilanti (born in Detroit to Lessie and Louise Rutledge), passed away November 13. He leaves to cherish his memory his sister Anngenetie; eight nephews; six nieces; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home. The services were held at New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Ypsilanti. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park.

STARNES, DWAYNE E., 38, passed away December 1. Dear father of Nicole, Natisha, Dwayne Jr. and Amanda. Dear son of Mary Janes Kepes of Beaverton and Alfred May of Westland. Brother of Deborah Starnes, David Starnes, Diana Stoyanovich, Mary Denise Sharp and half-brother of Kathy Kramer, Alan May, Tammy Ordway, Janet Knight and Drake May. Funeral services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home with Pastor Gerald Hall officiating.

TROMBLAY, NANCY J., 71, of Westland, passed away December 11. Beloved mother of Chester (Christine) Cassidy, Charles (Connie) Cassidy, Clifford (Amy) Cassidy, Raymond (Rose) Tromblay, Janet (Bernard) Adams, Anna Hensley and Ray (Nancy) Tromblay. Step mother of Fay

Inkster group to hold general membership meeting

If you're interested in improving the image of your city, improved housing, and creating new job opportunities for the unemployed, you may want to attend the next meeting of the Inkster Community Investment Partnership, Inc.

ICIP officials this week announced that they will hold a general membership meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 16, at the ICIP facility, 3767 Inkster Road.

A non-profit organization, the mission of ICIP is to provide and implement projects that will improve the City of Inkster through the development of clean and affordable housing.

ICIP also seeks to create job opportunities, help promote better education for the children of the city and foster cultural enrichment programs for the benefit of all citizens, especially those citizens with low and moderate incomes.

Local and area wide organizations that are presently affiliated with the ICIP are: Weed & Seed, Senior Alliance, TRIAD, Hope for Homes, Inkster Christians In Action, Red Carpet Keim Realty and The Inkster Group.

Those who are in need of more information are invited to contact ICIP by dialing 313-274-3414.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

Council honors life, work of Dr. Martin L. King

Civil Rights leader's dream remains a dream

Mayor Al Haidous and the Wayne City Council, meeting in a special session Wednesday night, honored Civil Rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and called upon citizens to continue to work for the elimination of racial discrimination.

The council unanimously approved a resolution in honor of the slain civil rights leader whose "life and teachings exemplify commitment to civil rights and human rights for people everywhere," the council resolution reads.

Born on Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. King rose from an obscure clergyman to lead a nation in its struggle for human dignity and civil rights. He organized the boycott of the Montgomery transit company in 1955, forcing the company to desegregate its buses. Until the boycott, blacks were forced by law to sit in the back of a bus and were required, by law, to vacate a seat if a white entered the bus and a seat was not available.

In 1964, Dr. King was awarded the Noble Peace Prize, and his dream, revealed before thousands during a

speech in Washington D. C., of a nation where all men are truly created equal and that each and every man, woman and child is judged by his ability and not the color of his skin, remains a landmark in the nation's history.

King's work eventually led to President Lyndon B. Johnson's support in Congress passing the Civil Rights Act and Voting Act of 1965.

Dr. King was assassinated in 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee, while attending a national convention on civil rights.

The Wayne City Council, in remembering Dr. King's life and his dream, reminded citizens "much of the program toward realizing the dream of America's founders - Liberty and Justice for All --- is directly attributable to Dr. King."

"Therefore," the council resolution concludes, "that the City Council, on behalf of the City of Wayne, Michigan, hereby honors the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the principles he so eloquently shared with a grateful nation."

The resolution was signed by Mayor Abdul "Al" Haidous.



'A White Christmas'

Thanks to 5-year-old Autumn LaTour's artistic talents and abilities, the LaTours definitely were assured "A White Christmas." Autumn's picture of a snowy day in a small town was ruled by a panel of judges to be the best drawn in a score of entries judged by a panel made up of the sponsoring organizations - the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce. Autumn also received \$30 in Santa Bucks to spend at any of the businesses that are members of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce. The "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" contest assures the winner that if nature doesn't cooperate and provide snow on Christmas Day, the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will make sure the winner's lawn is covered with snow. For some inexplicable reason, the recreation department has a way with Mother Nature. The photo above shows the winner at play in the snow.

Stake-A-Thon nets D.A.R.E. \$2,428

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The Wayne D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) program is \$2,928.50 richer thanks to local and area skaters.

Wayne Police Chief Mike Sumeracki informed Mayor Al Haidous and members of the Wayne City Council Wednesday night that the skaters raised the moneys during a Skate-A-Thon, sponsored jointly by the Wayne and Westland D.A.R.E. programs. The fundraiser was staged at Skateland in Westland.

"The event has been very successful over the years," Sumeracki added. "Students and parents who participated had a great time."

According to the police chief, the Wayne D.A.R.E. program received sponsor donations amounting to \$2,928.50 and realized a net profit of \$2,698.50.

"We are grateful to all of those who participated this year and over the years," Sumeracki later said.

Library to host master gardeners

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne Public Library officials want you to look at those soft, white and beautiful snowflakes falling on your garden these past few days...and think spring.

Oh, if we only could. But snow or not, the library is hosting two Master Gardeners - Ione Sherman and Jane Kenyon later this month.

Sherman and Kenyon will provide valuable tips to help you prepare your garden for the coming season.

The program is scheduled for 7 p.m., Jan. 31, at the library, located at 3737 S. Wayne Road.

Both master gardeners also will give you advice on opening and closing your garden. The two will also have time to answer questions.

Library officials say that the program provides residents and friends an opportunity to receive pertinent information about gardens and gardening free of charge.

If you have any questions, call 734-721-7832.

250 attend breakfast with Santa

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

As usual, Santa proved to be the most popular pre-holiday personality in the City of Wayne before Christmas.

In fact, mayor and city council were informed last week by the Parks and Recreation Department that more than 250 residents came to the Wayne Community Center to have breakfast with Santa. Some also took time to have their pictures taken with him.

Other activities during the second annual "Breakfast with Santa" program included face painting and ornament making. The program also featured a notable second personality, Starr the Clown, who did balloon animals and hats and, of course, had the folks laughing with the usual humor and antics.

Parks and recreation officials said they are looking forward to hosting next year's program and also thanked those who attended the program this year.

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Voters' restlessness over trash disposal prices appropriate

An interesting story in the Detroit News talked about one of my favorite subjects- the Central Wayne Sanitation Authority incinerator that serves Westland, Wayne, Inkster, Garden City and Dearborn Heights.

If you're a regular reader you already know that Ivan Helfman and I are absolutely opposed to the 40-year contract these communities signed back in 1996 with the incinerator. That contract forces member communities to pay three times the going rate for trash disposal.

Apparently many voters feel the same as we do. In the November elections, Westland voters soundly defeated a millage renewal that would pay off the \$8 million Westland owes for making federally-mandated improvements to the incinerator back in 1996. Dearborn Heights voters rejected a similar millage a year earlier.

New Westland mayor, Sandy Cicirelli expects to bring a proposal to City Council soon, that would ask the City to hold a special election to get the necessary millage. One wonders if voters will be inclined to do an about-face and approve a slightly different version of the proposal they just defeated.

My guess is no. I'm sure we all appreciate the fact that the member communities are operating under a contract and are responsible for their fair share of the construction money.

But voters are getting raped for their trash pick-up and until there is talk about reducing that price, I would urge them to continue to vote "no."

Currently each member community pays \$42.54 per ton to the private company, Central Wayne County Energy Recovery Ltd. (CWCER) to run the day-to-day operations of the incinerator. In addition, the cities are required to pay an addition-

al \$18.41 per ton for the improvements done to the incinerator.

That's nearly \$61.

Landfill prices are a little less than \$20 a ton. But what has got to really upset residents is that the Baltimore-based Constellation Power, the parent company of CWCER, is recruiting private companies to use the incinerator for \$11 a ton.

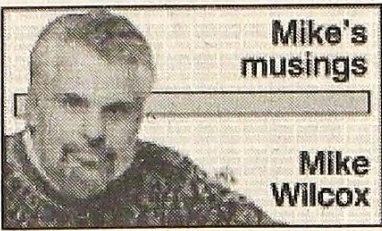
That's right. You pay \$61 because your elected officials thought it necessary to bind you and your neighbors to a 40-year contract. Yet, others are getting the same service for 5 times less.

To be fair those officials were led to believe, by so-called experts, that the price of sending trash to landfills would skyrocket and that the incinerator would be a more inexpensive way to dispose of trash. However, a law was passed lifting many of the restrictions placed on landfills, and lo and behold, we had a building boom on landfills.

That said, it would appear to me that the solution might be for Constellation Power to give the five member communities a break on the \$61 price. No one expects to pay \$11, but residents a \$10 or \$20 break might be nice.

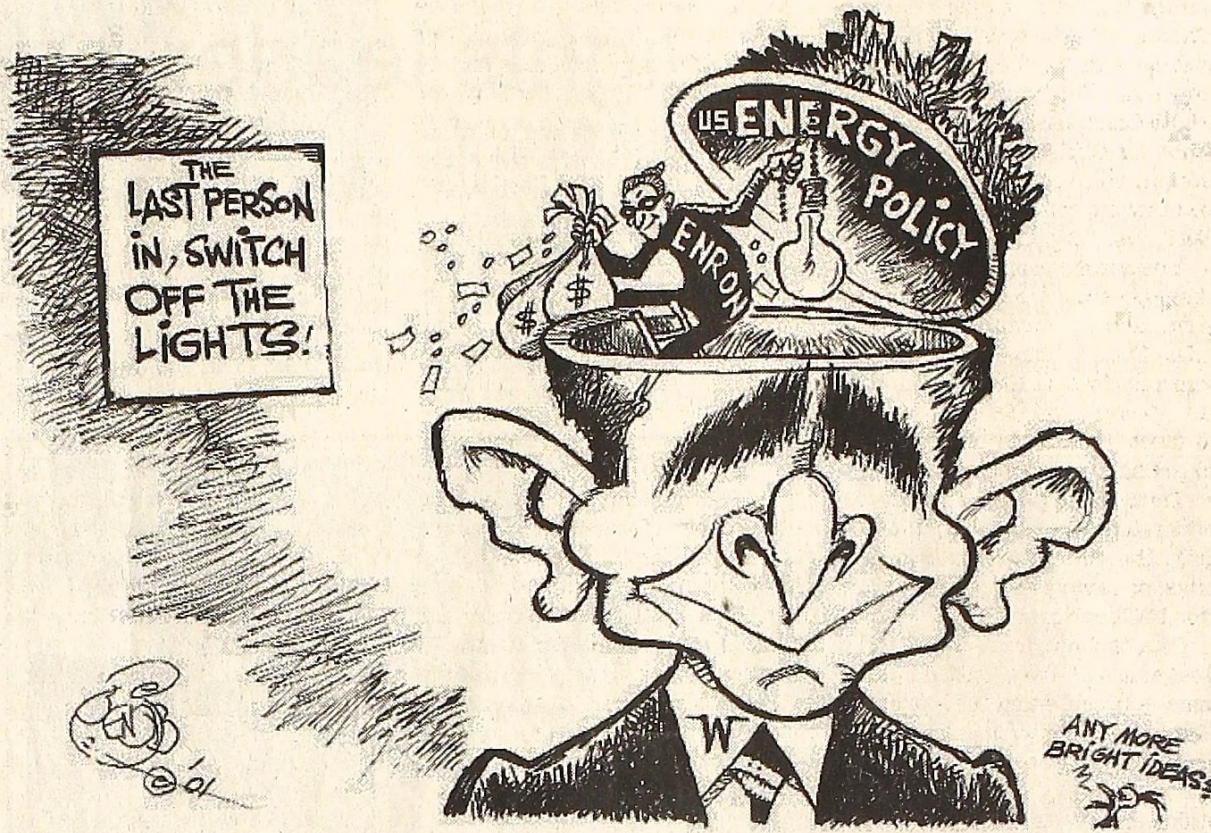
However, if what I read in the Detroit News is correct, that isn't likely to happen. Executive Director for the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority, the business agent for the five communities, Steve Aynes, put it succinctly, "the contract is binding."

Binding or not, the voters are restless, and I predict the contract will be renegotiated or several elected officials will find themselves out of office.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Who is running Romulus?

Thank you for your letter concerning Alan Lamberts campaign promises. I must say I was quite surprised to see such an article so quick. When the paper endorsed him for Mayor, everything printed was your own biased opinions instead of facts. Are you, so naive you really believed he could possibly do all he promised on his own?

Maybe you should take the time to check to see who is really running the city. Mrs. Romak is in the Mayors office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. everyday.

The seniors in the Towers got the word that Mrs. Norman was to be replaced so they called the Mayors office and told him "you can't replace Linda we put you in office."

So that leaves the question of who is really running the City of Romulus?

You mentioned the small town Romulus not needing Dave Cox to help the Mayor run the city. Maybe it is possible Mrs. Romak thinks she should have that position?

Check out how many new personnel that have been hired to be over the departments heads already there. Payroll at tax payers expense will be far higher than any Mayor in the history of Romulus. This leaves one to wonder who is doing what.

Also you might check into Mr. Carr's refusal to accept the resignation from Bill McCraight. Mr. Carr feels its no problem for Bill to be on the school board even though he no longer lives in the school district or the City of Romulus. Everyone knows this is against the law. Thanks to your article in the paper concerning this question several weeks ago.

So that leaves the citizens of Romulus with many questions. The main one being who is going to make our elected officials accountable?

Life Time Romulus Resident,

Sacking of Lori Brist was straightforward

Compare the reaction to Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli's dumping of Lori Brist, the city's popular senior resources director, with the 2000 city council majority's dumping of Pat Gibbons, the city's equally popular clerk.

Though both officials got the heave-ho for political reasons, Cicirelli got off unscathed while an 800-pound gorilla appeared to chase the council members who let go Gibbons out of office.

The difference?

Cicirelli's dismissal of Brist was straightforward while the 2000 council majority tried to double talk the citizens.

In putting Brist out to pasture, Cicirelli said: "Every mayor is able to appoint directors that he or she feels will be a good part of the team, will work well with that person, and do a good job."

Because Cicirelli put her cards on the table, critics could only criticize her decision, not her character.

So she took a few brickbats from former recall workers and a wallop from Doris Silcox, a longtime Friendship Center worker. Rather than attack Cicirelli, Silcox politely made a logical case for keeping Brist as senior director.

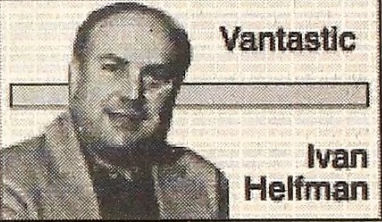
"Our plans for the next year included Lori's proven administrative skills and well-established professional contacts in the city," Silcox said.

In contrast, when the 2000 council majority removed former Westland Clerk Pat Gibbons from her job, they said that she wasn't good enough for the job.

Mostly because many Westland residents were wowed by Gibbons's job performance and partly because some residents don't realize that Westland's strong mayor form of government is another name for the spoils system, Gibbon's dismissal led to a recall drive.

Not only would the recall never happened had the 2000 council majority leveled with the public and admitted that they fired Gibbons for political reasons.

It was widely known that during



Vantastic

Ivan Helfman

the 1999 city council primary campaign Gibbons wrote a letter to council criticizing former councilmen David Cox and Trav Griffins for circulating a political letter on official city clerk stationery without Gibbons's permission or knowledge. Because the letter included a political campaign flier disclaimer, it was obviously campaign literature. So how could the 2000 council majority have thought that they could fool the public about the reasons for Gibbons' dismissal?

Of course, Cicirelli would have been wiser to have given Peggy Ellenwood a different political plum. Perhaps appointing her personnel director instead of rehiring Keith Madden, whom the Attorney Grievance Commission reprimanded for misconduct. (Cicirelli previously said that she plans to have the personnel director train city workers in the new ethics ordinance.)

Based on her previous council performance, Ellenwood is a capable person who might do an excellent job of running the Friendship Center. But she might also do an excellent job of running the personnel or another department without forcing the seniors to lose a good thing. Brist had been doing an excellent job. Why fix something that's not broke? According to the Attorney Grievance Commission, Madden broke, so why not fix the personnel department?

But Sandy says that she wants her own team and she is entitled to it. That's the way the strong mayor system works. Like in a dysfunctional marriage, a city takes a strong mayor for worse or worse.

Meanwhile, don't worry about Brist. It's only a matter of time before she will be able to put her demonstrated people skills and organizing talents to profitable use.

City fiddles as property taken

As history or mythology records (sometimes there is no difference) the Roman emperor Nero played his fiddle as Rome burned. A modern day analogy of that may be the inaction of the Romulus City Government as Wayne County figuratively steals property from Romulus residents.

In December of 2000 Wayne County officials appeared before the Romulus council requesting a resolution of intent to join the county and Huron Township in creating an "authority" to manage the county's Pinnacle project.

Under pressure from the county, the council approved a resolution endorsing the concept (but no particular entity). A recent state law allows two or more local governmental agencies (counties and cities) to create a "smart zone" when approved by the state. The law also requires that a date be set for a public hearing to establish the boundaries of that zone. No hearing has been scheduled to date.

The county had falsely represented to the state that it had the approval of Romulus and Huron Township and received a smart zone designation for its Pinnacle Project as a result. Neither Romulus nor Huron Township was



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

aware of the county's application.

Since then, the county has been condemning properties in both Romulus and Huron Township to be used in the (as yet non-existent) smart zone.

Several local residents combined to fight the condemnations in court. Hearings were held at which the county is said to have made representations to the court that the smart zone has been approved by both municipalities. Although the Romulus council was aware of the county's false representations, it did nothing to correct the record. The judge has handed down a decision upholding the county's condemnations.

Most of the properties seized by the county will be sold off to private parties. Michigan courts have routinely approved such condemnations where the state legislature has declared it to

be for a "public benefit." As this writer has stated many times, that is a violation of the U.S. Constitution, which allows use of the power of eminent domain (condemnation) only for specific governmental use or use by the public.

If the Pinnacle Project were ultimately approved by the city, all future increased tax revenue from those properties would go to the "authority" created which would undoubtedly be dominated by the county. In this writer's opinion, that would not be in the best interests of either the city government or its residents.

The Romulus council may still be able to rectify its inaction. It should immediately pass a resolution to the effect the city will not join the Pinnacle Project. Then it should have its attorneys prepare an amicus curae (friend of the court) brief to present to the court in another similar case pending and in any appeal of the current ruling.

The city has filed numerous lawsuits intended to protect the health and welfare of residents. Can it do any less to protect the property of its residents in some cases owned for generations?

While traveling home with five of my six children after a Jan. 2 day with my parents, my big van did a terrifying spinning completely around thing in the middle of the bitter cold, late night, empty Michigan highway. The vehicle came to rest in the median, the ditch of the median to be more precise, in 2 1/2 feet of snow, facing the opposite way I'd originally been headed in.

Two tires had been rendered useless somehow, off their rims. That was the only, the only, the God-was-there and neighbors spoke Spanish. Even so, the enthusiasm, the cheering, had only one language. We couldn't help but be united by the flame - we all cheered it. A memorable, never to be forgotten moment. A through-and-through good story for the new year.

And now a bad story with a good ending.

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only thing. That and the van being stuck. But all of us were okay. Not a bump, not a bruise, not a scratch.

I believe that God is with us all the time, but there have been two times now I have personally felt it so certainly, so undeniably, that nothing anybody could say or do could ever convince me otherwise. There was that night a few days ago, the second time I felt tragedy was palpable, too real, too close. And the night when my Stevie was born, in the van (a different one) on the way to the hospital, not breathing. Not taking his first breath. God guided us, however, my husband and myself, gently and knowingly so that Steven would draw his first breath, which our baby did because God's hands were upon ours all the while.

May God's blessings be on you too, on all of us. Happy New Year!

Olympic Torch, spinning car mark New Year

By KAREN MEIER
MCN Special Writer

I saw the Olympic Torch relay in Chicago (a week before it arrived in Garden City). It was very exciting. Little parades popped up all around the city as the torchbearers, torch alight, ran in the middle of the streets preceded by police cars with lights flashing and "hoopla" cars carrying official Torch Relay people with public address systems announcing the imminent arrival of the torchbearer while handing out goodies (soda and flags) for the gathering impromptu crowds on the sidewalks.

There was flag-waving and cheering. I think the cheering was for patriotism and for the spirit of the Olympics when the world celebrates competition on the playing field as opposed to the sadly, newly familiar

battlefields.

From one torchbearer to the next, the flame was passed, and it burned brightly and steadily all along, it was joy to see it — and I got to see it in person. All six of my children and I saw it. We were swept up in it. We found a spot to stand along the route the torch would take and waited for the torchbearer to run by, torch held high with its flame burning brightly and steadily.

My husband, Ron, was selected to be just such a torchbearer and so our cheering had yet another element to it. That was my children's Daddy running by us, that was Marla's brother, Riley's brother-in-law, Jason and Jon's uncle, James, Erin H., and Erin F's friend.

Ron's run happened to be through a neighborhood where all the signs were in Spanish and the shopkeepers



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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

It does not feel like Christmas in the wrong place

To the editor:

I hear so many people saying things like, "I'm so depressed at Christmas" or worse, "Christmas is just for kids". Others go on about how many shopping days there are left till Christmas or who "owes" who what for Christmas, by saying, "I bought you something why didn't you buy me something, in return? I call this an "emotional scorecard".

These same people measure what they perceive to be love by the expense and extravagance of material gifts. Even if they have to knock someone down at K-Mart to get that last porcelain doll. Even if they have to shoot someone for a parking spot to go Christmas shopping.

These same people often do not understand the value of intangible gifts: the gifts of music, of poetry, hugs, or saying, "I give you Peace, Good Will, and Love."

One of the main reasons that it does not feel like Christmas to so many is because they are looking for Christmas in the wrong places. They are looking for the warmth of Christmas in the empty, non-living coldness of flickering, artificial lights, which they believe can replace the true Light of the World, Jesus.

The decorations and customs are to enhance Him, not to replace Him. If our customs glorify Jesus and we remember that He was born into the world for our salvation, as well as opening Heaven's doors for us, then we are sure to find the true feeling of Christmas.

I wanted to also mention how horrified I am each year to hear how the children are being praised with cash awards for essays saying things like, "Jesus came into the world to show us how to give Christmas gifts." Or that the meaning of Christmas is cookies. What kind of so-called adult role models allow this?

Why do the adults teach nothing of the choirs of angels, the wise men and kings, Joseph, the Virgin Mother, Mary, and her son, Baby Jesus? He is the Lamb of God, the Morning Star and the shining star of Christmas.

You cannot separate Christ from Christ Mass and still have Christmas. Any more than you can remove the "holy" from holy day and still have a holiday. Or forget that candy canes represent the staffs of the shepherds.

Jesus is the reason for the season, so why has the royal purple robe of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords been replaced with the red velvet robe of Santa Clause, Sinter Klause, and Saint Nicholas?

Why has the story of a silent and holy night, accompanied with soft harp music, been replaced with clowns, silly balloons, laughter without respect, drummers, flutes and floats, as well as loud trumpets which herald not the arrival of the Prince of Peace in a stable with donkeys or oxen, rather elves and reindeer?

HmmmI feel a poem coming on: "The trumpets have sounded", I thought to myself. "Is that Him? No wait it's justa jolly ole elf." The man being worshipedwears not purple, but red. He speaks not of a King, but of treasures, instead. There were so many things in this marching charade. But where was Jesus in the Christmas Parade?"

Don't rip the Heart of Jesus out of Christmas and wonder why it no longer "feels" like Christmas. Without Christmas Love, no amount of white snow or presents will bring about happiness. With Christmas Love, hol

iday depression should cease to exist.

In closing, remember that Christmas is not solely for the kiddies. It is for EVERYONE, young, middle-aged, and old. For both single and married people, for those with or without families, for those of all economic levels, for all races, the healthy and the ill.

It is for all of the world that we look up at cathedral towers and see the snow white doves of Peace fluttering about as the bells peal out the wondrous joy of the birth of Baby Jesus, the Saviour of the World. Forever and ever.

Angela Frances Todd

P. S. I believe that we should have two separate holidays: one for Santa and one for Jesus. I also believe in many customs, just not totally replacing Jesus with Santa. And, wouldn't it be a hoot if Santa, himself would tell us to remember Jesus? And, if Santa is to appear in a parade, call it a Santa Parade or anything except a Christ Mass Parade.

ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 2002-01
JANUARY 1, 2002

Regular meeting of the City Council was not held due to lack of a quorum.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 2002-02
JANUARY 2, 2002

Special Meeting of the City Council held Wednesday, January 2, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. Members Present: Haidous, McEachern, Kelly, Lentine, Shackelford. Members Absent: Dobrowolski, Dickerson, both excused. Approved minutes of Special and Regular Meetings of December 18, 2001. Held second readings and adopted amendments to Ordinance No. 828; Ice Cream Vendors and Ordinance No. 804; Billiard Rooms and Bowling Alleys. APPROVED: readoption of a resolution concerning the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Change Order No. 2 regarding the Streetscape Project-Phase III with Warren Contractors & Development, Inc.; change in the name regarding the contract approved at the November 5, 2001 City Council Meeting for Scott Davis to perform at the 2002 Winterfest, from Scott Davis to Marco Entertainment. Called Special Meetings for January 28, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss FY02-'03 Goals, February 5, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss assessments by neighborhood and February 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss FY'02-'03 Goals. Received and filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE

Motion by McEachern, supported by Lentine and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2002-02, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-02
ANABSTRACT OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY AMENDMENTS TO PART EIGHT, BUSINESS REGULATION AND TAXATION CODE; CHAPTER 804, BILLIARD ROOMS AND BOWLING ALLEYS; 804.05, SUBMISSION OF LICENSE APPLICATION; ISSUANCE OF LICENSE; EFFECTIVE PERIOD; 804.08, LICENSE REVOCATION; 804.13, APPEAL.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

FULL TEXT OF THIS ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Adopted: January 2, 2002
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CITY OF WAYNE

Motion by McEachern, supported by Lentine and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2002-01, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-01
AN ABSTRACT OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

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Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

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Blame council for recall cost

To the editor:

My name is Deane Seber and I have a few comments to make about the cost of the recall.

The cost of the recall was \$30,000, not \$100,000, although I think it would have been worth \$100,000.

To put all the blame for the year 2000 on the recall group is ridiculous. The blame should be put on the council people who started the disgrace of the city of Westland!

he recall people had NOTHING to do with the director who was caught on company time, with two employees and a city van, at the casino gambling. Why was nothing said or done about this? Was this not a large cost to the city of Westland, with very LITTLE punishment?

I have belonged to the Friendship Center for a long time and feel I need make NO excuses for trying to do what I think is right. I believe politics

do NOT belong in the Friendship Center and I don't care whether people like me saying it or not.

Better get used to it because I will ALWAYS fight for the good of my city. It is time to bring honesty and integrity to the friendship center and to stop using it as a political football.

Thank You,
Deane Seber

Swistak
responds
to letter

To the editor:

An anonymous article was published in the Dec. 27, 2001, Westland Eagle.

In another cowardly attack on my person, a pitiful attempt was made to slander my good name, character, and reputation.

This is typical behavior of this despicable group of bullies. They make slurring remarks, insinuations, and tell falsehoods, but don't identify themselves.

It is there inept way of trying to intimidate upstanding citizens and victims in an effort to suppress facts and valuable information.

Why? What they afraid of? The concerned public wants to know what is really happening to our justice system. How is your protection system?

Ms. Swistak
Westland, Jan. 1, 2002

C.B.C thanks Christmas helpers

To the editor:

The Belleville Central Business Community would like to thank everyone who contributed their time and effort and substance to make this C.B.C. Christmas Season a memorable one.

Thank you Styling Center, McCoys Ice Cream and Grill, Pawlus Roberts Brothers Funeral Home, Cinnamons Auto Supply, Robert Stoner & Associates, Stoney Creek Motorsports, Boughns Tree farm, The City of Belleville, The Girl

Scouts, Meijer, Andrews Drugs and Wall Mart, contest judges Diane Wilson and Mayor Fielder, contest winners Citizens Insurance and Huron Valley Realty.

The Polution Solution of Michigan, The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Harry and Darlene Wagner, Belleville Grille, The Belleville Independent, Heritage View, and Belleville Enterprise, Dos-Pesos Resteraunt, Buz the Business dog, Santa Claus, all of you wonderful customers who do business downtown, and last but not least, Jesus, without which there would not be Christmas.

May everyone have a joy filled new year.

Madelyn Pelligrini
CBC president

CITY OF ROMULUS
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS
BID 01/02-37
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The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, or by calling (734) 942-7564.
- Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., January 22, 2002. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

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ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION
Public Hearing

The Romulus Housing Commission has developed its FY2001 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review after January 10, 2002 at the Romulus Housing Commission Administrative Office, located at 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on February 27, 2002 in the conference room at the Romulus Housing Commission Office located at 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan at 9:30 am. Everyone is invited.

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Belleville kicks off new year with big victory

Holmes' last-second jump shot burns South Lyon

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Belleville and Coach Mike Krogel kicked off the new year with a come-from-behind, last second victory over visiting South Lyon Friday night as James Holmes grabbed a missed shot-rebound and returned it to the rim for a basket that preserved a 66-

65 non-conference victory.

Holmes scored the decisive basket with eight seconds to spare.

South Lyon had taken the lead after senior guard James Gasparella stole the ball from Holmes, and drove it in for an easy bucket that gave the visitors the go-ahead, 65-64 basket with 23 seconds remaining in the game.

On the return trip, the Tigers got

the ball to Jerriel Burrus who managed to get off a shot with eight seconds on the clock. Burrus's shot bounced off the rim and Holmes was in place to grab the offensive rebound. His 10-foot jump shot hit the mark and gave him redemption for the earlier near-fatal turnover.

"We played in spurts," said Krogel whose ball club boosted its record to 6-1 on the year. "We allowed them to

penetrate and did not shut down their offense the way we should and could have.

"But, obviously, I am pleased that we came away with the victory." Coming off of their first loss of the season which occurred at the Detroit Public Schools League Tip-Off Tournament, the first year Belleville coach said he didn't know what to expect from his ball club in their first game of

the new year.

Belleville struggled most of the first half because of South Lyon's 1-2 punch of Gasparella and center Matt Fried, who combined for 48 of their team's 65 points. Gasparella finished with a game high 25 points, followed by Fried who contributed 23.

The two seniors led the visitors to a 20-18 lead after one period. They widened the margin to 35-29 after

two periods.

The Tigers came back on the strength of their balanced scoring as Holmes and Burrus, joined by teammates Darryl Hudson, Loren Johnson, and Mike Hall, erased the deficit and took a precarious 50-48 lead. Burrus hit two big three-pointers in the third period to provide the mo-

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Key tilts highlight '02 hoop action

It's a week that high school basketball soothsayers say you can toss out records, which means traditional rivals are about to renew their rivalry on the hardwood.

Despite their outstanding 4-1 start, coach Monte Dennard and the Robichaud Bulldogs can expect a full-house stacked against it when they travel cross-town to pay the Vikings of Inkster a visit. Inkster lost a key player to the Bulldogs via a transfer, and would like nothing better than to send the Bulldogs back to Dearborn Heights with their tails between their hind legs.

The Inkster boys' team, unlike the girls which had a record 40 consecutive wins before they lost their first (in a Class C District playoff game), the Vikings have struggled in the tough Mega-Red Conference and have not looked impressive during the first phase of the 2001-2002 season.

A victory over a well-tuned Robichaud hoop machine would give Inkster coach Steve Brooks and the Vikings a big boost psychologically and may help them put their game together for the rest of the season.

In other action Friday night involving local teams, the Monroe at Belleville game is yet another key match up in the Mega-Red where two pre-season title favorites meet for the first time.

As first-year coach Mike Krogel put it: "Traditionally, there has been great rivalry between these two teams, and there is no indication that our game with them (Monroe) will be anything but a hard-fought one."

After meeting with Monroe Friday night, the Tigers and coach Krogel also have another barnburner to contend with. Tuesday night. The Tigers will host River Rouge, and Rouge has never been easy pickings when it comes to basketball.

Westland John Glenn, a team looking for its identity, may find what it is looking for this season Friday night when the Rockets focus their sights on Farmington Hills Harrison. The western Lakes Conference meeting between the two teams is at Harrison.

Coach Joel Lloyd and his ball club desperately need to jump-start the 2002 phase of the season with a victory. A loss to a so-so Harrison may prove fatal for the Westlanders.

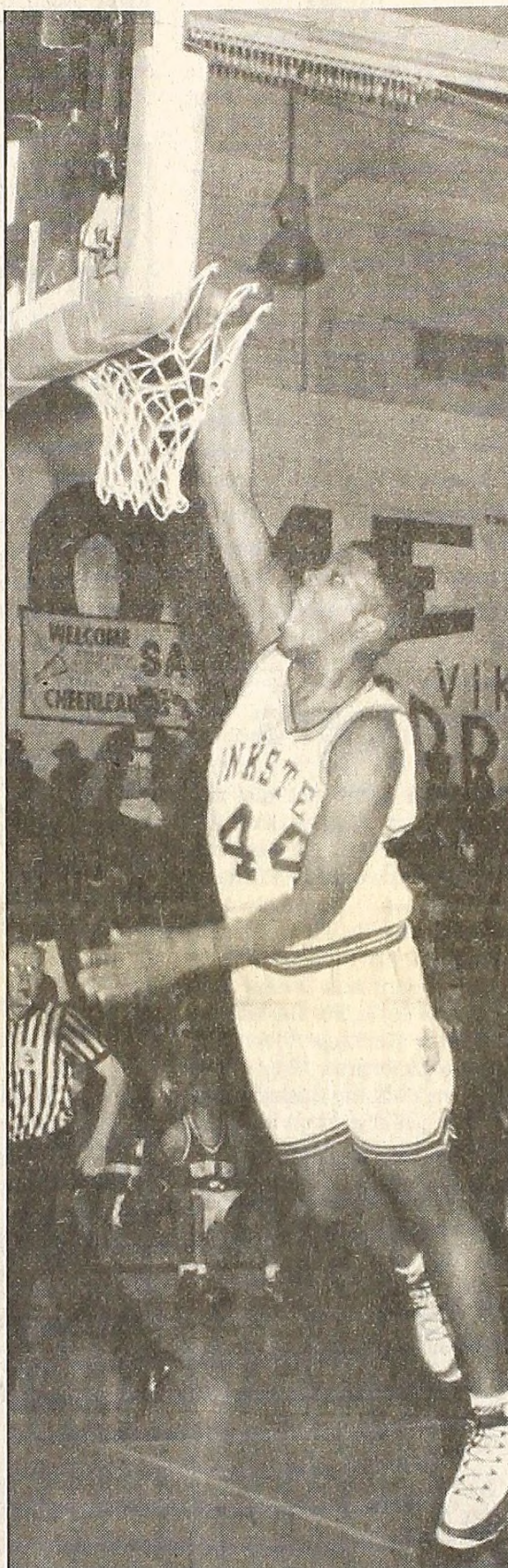
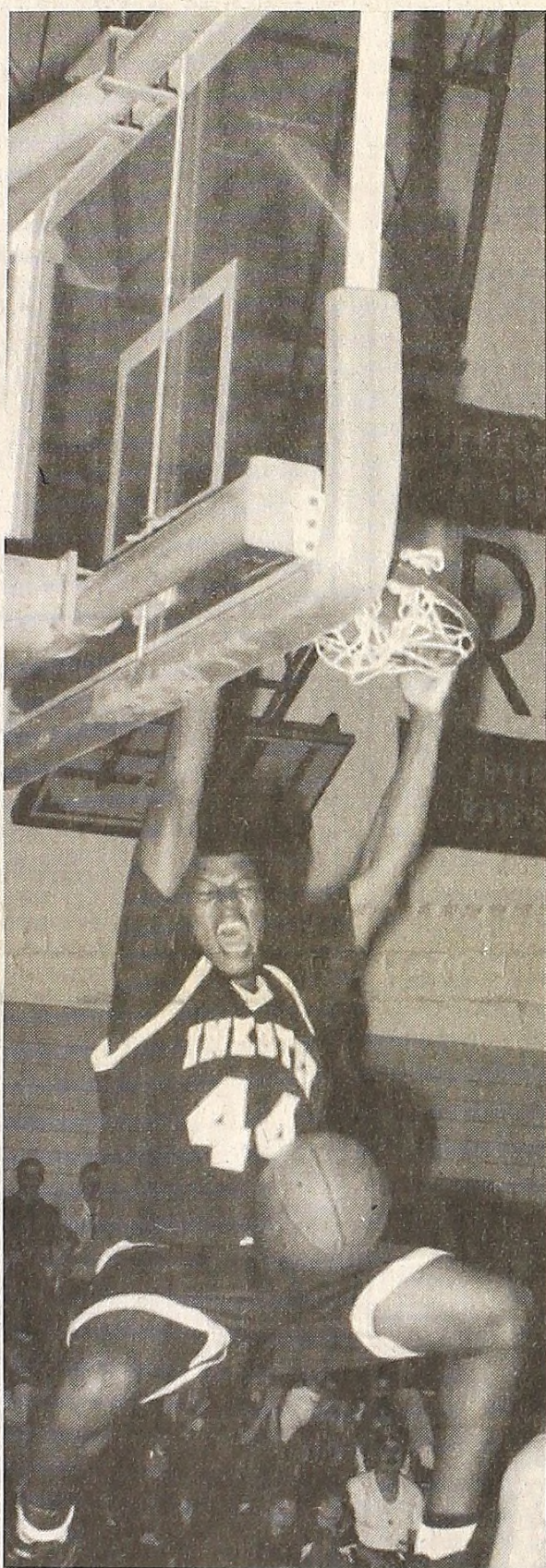
Glenn is also scheduled to play Tuesday night. They will meet an excellent, defense-minded Howell team on the refurbished Glenn court.

Also, Romulus will be attempting to keep its momentum going at the expense of Ypsilanti, and that may not be an easy task. Both teams are coming off of impressive last-game of 2001 victories. Ypsi beat Monroe; Romulus turned back Willow Run.

Ypsilanti appears to be poised to make a serious run for the Mega-Red title, while Romulus, which has been a title contender in the Red, is playing shorthanded these days due to ineligibility and injuries.

On Tuesday, Romulus will again have the home court advantage when it takes on an out-of-conference opponent Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Plymouth-Canton is at Livonia Stevenson on Friday.



After earning All-American and All-State recognition as a high school basketball star at Inkster High School in the early 1990's, 6-7 forward Al White wound up at Iowa State where he continued his outstanding career. White, pictured in the photos above and at the right, is shooting the eyes out of the nets in England these days, and he is considered a shoo-in for the conference's Most Valuable Player award if his team, the Brighton Tigers, can win the title. Not only does White like playing in England, says longtime friend and associate, Darryl Greene, the former Inkster star has learned the ways and mores of the likes of the conventional and traditionally aloft English. Oh, yes, he enjoys visiting English pubs for fish and chips, too, he says. Photos by Carl Brown.

Ex-Inkster hoops star shines as pro in England

Former Inkster High prep All-American Al White continues to shine on the pine as a pro in England.

The 6-6 White, who led the Inkster Vikings to conference championships and made the Vikings a respected power in the early 1990's, is considered one of the premier ball players in England and on the European Continent.

According to the London sportswriters, Al White definitely is marked as the Player of the Year in the British Basketball League (BBL) if he continues on the course he has set for himself.

A member of the Brighton Bears (England) ball club, White has been scorching the nets at a 22 point per game average, however, in his last six outings, White has scored more than 30 points per game.

Against the Thames Valley Tigers, White scored a game high 40 points in leading the Bears to a 108-96 victory as the former Inkster star was unstoppable.

As one coach put it: "If Brighton can manage to win the trophy (championship trophy), then Albert White should be certain to be awarded the MVP award. This boy has it all and can he play."

White headed for the University of Michigan after completing his high school career, but the Wolverines failed to utilize his talents so he transferred to the Tigers of Missouri University. After college he enjoyed a short-lived career with the CBA, then decided to sign a contract to play in England where coaches have been very impressed by his skills.

In one recent game, one coach said of White, "His ability to hit the three as well as play inside is well documented, but actually tonight I was impressed by his passing. He (White) certainly helped Sterling Davis (a teammate) achieve a double double."

White still has a dream to return to the NBA, says friend and former playing great, Darryl Greene, who also serves as White's agent.

"He (White) loves England, and they treat him with a lot of respect over there," said Greene, in a telephone interview on Monday. "He also loves the food. But I would say, 'yes', Al would like to see his dream of playing in the NBA come true one of these days."

"And I guess all of his fans in the area would, too."

Canton's Rothwell stretches win

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Although they competed short-handed, Plymouth-Canton managed to earn their share of the hardware offered by South Lyon in its first wrestling tournament of the 2002 phase of the season.

Crippled by injuries and sickness, Canton coach John Demsick said that he took a partial team to the South Lyon tournament where the Chiefs finished seventh in a field of 10 teams.

"We took a break on the first week of Christmas and tried to work on some different things in our second week of the break," explained Demsick. "However, we apparently did not work hard enough."

"It's not so strange to get partial results when you really only have a partial squad. We still had some real fighters in there."

One of those "real fighters" was senior Phil Rothwell, a 215-pounder who surfaced from the mats with a gold medal. It is the fourth major tournament that Rothwell has won and the tournament victories stretched his win streak to 21 on the year.

"Phil is still undefeated," noted Coach Demsick. "He is doing a fantastic job this season."

Also, after taking on and pinning some strong opponents, Greg Musser was tied in the championship finals with 30 seconds to go against a state placer from last year.

Musser came up short, however,

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at the end, and he was forced to settle for the silver. Also finishing second at South Lyon was Shabein Rajae, a 189-pounder.

Other notable matches involved Chris Hosey, a 140-pounder who won a major decision in the consolation finals, and finishing in third place.

Both Rob Schnettler, a 112-pounder, and Steve Hogg, at 103, returned home with fourth-place awards.

Meanwhile, Plymouth-Canton took its B Squad to a varsity tournament staged in Royal Oak where Dan Bersma, a 125-pound competitor, finished in second place and Corey Breitmeyer, at 112, captured the bronze medal.

"We are looking forward to getting our regular practices going again, getting back on track, and also getting healthy again as a team," said Coach Demsick. "We will be ready for the conference and district competition, you can be assured of that."

Athletic directors playing a wait and see on fair play

Athletic directors at the local high schools are reserving their comments on a court ruling that, if not overturned by the higher courts, could change the way they schedule girls sporting events in the future.

A federal court judge in Kalamazoo recently decided that the Michigan High School Athletic Association has discriminated against female high school athletes in its longtime practice of the scheduling of sports events and tournaments.

Last month, in a 99-page decision, U. S. District Judge Richard Ensle ruled that the MHSAA had violated Title IX of the federal law and also discriminated against female athletes when deciding when and what sports would be staged during the year.

The court has asked the MHSAA to eliminate the practice in the future. MHSAA officials say that they will appeal the court's decision.

The lawsuit alleged, and the lower court agreed, that the MHSAA violated the state's civil rights law and the federal law known as Title IX approved by Congress in 1972 that stipulated

no discrimination shall be allowed in the fielding of sports teams, scheduling or providing facilities for female athletes by any institution or organization that receives federal funds.

MHSAA, a non-profit organization, denied discrimination exists in its scheduling of sports events and that it has done everything it can to accommodate girls' sports and girls' sports programs.

MHSAA will challenge Judge Ensle's decision in the higher courts and, officials say, will take the issue to the Michigan Supreme Court if needed.

In the meantime, they have agreed to expand the girls' golf schedule as well as conduct more girls' tournaments.

MHSAA also will seek a stay of Ensle's ruling until the Court of Appeals gets to review the Kalamazoo judge's arguments.

MHSAA has staged state tournaments in most of the major sports that female athletes participate in, but girls' basketball is scheduled in the fall and volleyball in the winter and colleges, any many other states, conduct those sports at different times.

Holmes

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mentum for a 50-48 third quarter finish.

The stage was set for a suspenseful and thrilling conclusion.

Neither team had more than a four-point advantage in the stretch. Holmes' basket moved the Tigers to the front, 64-61, but South Lyon came back with a pair of free throws by Dave Flynn that closed the margin to 64-63.

Then, when Gasparella stole the ball from Holmes and scored the lay-up, it looked like the end for the Tigers.

But Holmes' redemption basket settled the issue.

Holmes finished the game with a

team high 16 points. Four of his teammates also scored in double figures: Burrus scored 11 points, while Hudson, Loren Johnson and Mike Hall each had 10.

The 6-2 Hall also played a crucial role on the boards where he pulled down two offensive and two defensive rebounds that led to baskets.

The shorthanded Tigers, playing without one of their injured stalwarts, Antoine Jordan, also lost the services of 6-4 senior forward George Martin who is nursing a sprained ankle.

"He's in a soft cast and we don't expect him back in the lineup for a couple of weeks," said Krogel.

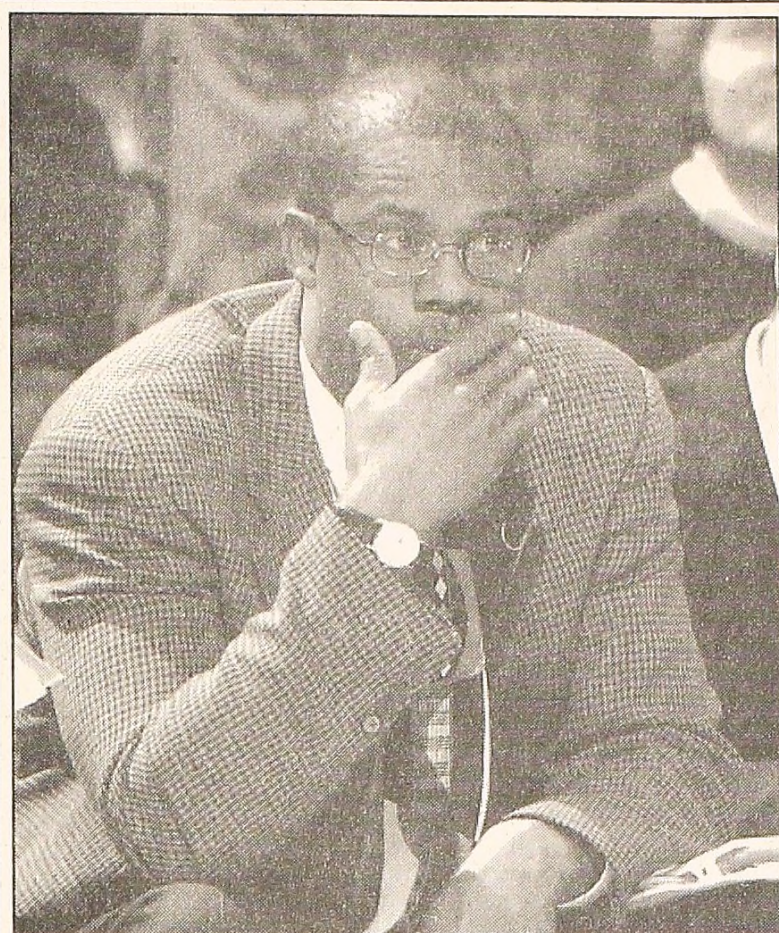
Unfortunately for Belleville they have to contend with a wounded and ego-hurt Monroe on Friday. The coaches' consensus to win the Mega-

Red this year, Monroe has not lived up to the prediction. After beating a highly-touted Plymouth-Salem ball club, Monroe has lost to Ypsilanti and Adrian.

But Krogel says he expects a physical and hard-fought game with their Mega-Red opponent. He says that he is basing that prediction on past practice between the two teams.

"There's been great rivalry between these two ball clubs," said Krogel. "Monroe has an excellent leader in Leach who quarterbacked their football team and is an excellent all-round athlete. They also have a bunch of other players who can get the job done."

Belleville is the host for the 7:30 p.m. conference game.



Ex-Belleville coach now at MSU

After a successful high school basketball coaching career at Belleville High School, where he also starred in the sport, Michael Garland (pictured above) joined Coach Tom Izzo's staff at Michigan State University where he has continued to play a major role in putting together one of the top programs in the country.

Hoops fan appreciates story on Garland

Dear Editor:

Just want you to know that I really appreciated the story about our former coach Mike Garland.

Mike was deserving of the recognition. Not only was he one of the great players here at Belleville High School and a great coach but he was a role model for all of the students who attended Belleville High.

Belleville has produced some outstanding coaches in its time, including Harry Hidenfelter, who is one of the icons in the field of coaching and teaching, and Sam Vicchy, Mike Colletta and let me not forget one of the greatest to ever coach here - Lloyd Carr, who is presently at the University of Michigan.

In the past and in the present "The Belleville Enterprise", one of the six newspapers your newspapers publishes, has done a great job covering local sports. But in recent years, however, you are neglecting the other sports such as swimming, and wrestling and volleyball.

I know that space is at a premium, but these kids - and their coaches - also deserve recognition. I hope that the advertisers and the community leaders will continue to support the papers so that we can get those sports back on your pages.

Thank you again for the Mike Garland Story.

It was great! And got Tigers.

Jim Wisniewski
Van Buren Township

The first signs of spring?

It may be the first signs of spring or maybe it's just a break for young ball players to improve their baseball skills in mid-winter, but there is baseball news on the wires today.

The news is from Total Baseball. Officials say that they are holding a camp that will feature such outstanding coaching talents as Bruce Fields, Toledo Mudhens Manager; Lee Bjerke, a Michigan High School's Coaches Hall of Fame member, plus former professional players and college coaches.

The camp will concentrate on

hitting, pitching, fielding, baserunning and the fundamentals of the national pastime.

Participants will be given a video hitting photo, and also be clocked by radar for arm speed.

The camp will be staged three days, beginning Feb. 11 through the 13, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Total Baseball facility, 30990 Wixom Road. There is a \$125 per player registration fee. There will be a \$10 discount for a second child of a family who participates.

Players must be 7 to 17 to par-

ticipant in the camp, and officials also urge parents to sign up their children early because space is limited.

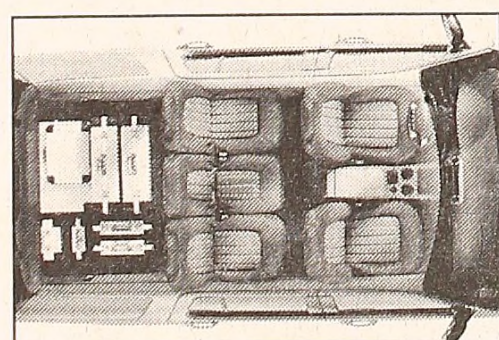
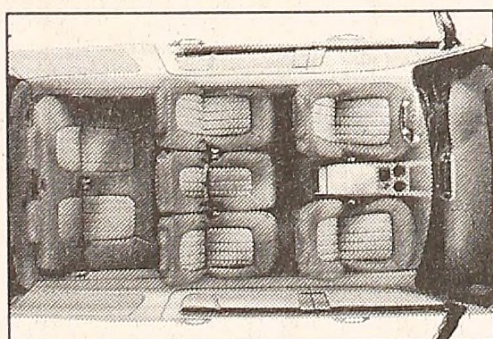
Also, a pitching program, an intense seven-week training program for ball players ages 13 and up, will be conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 5 p.m. beginning Jan. 15 through Feb. 28.

Players will be offered techniques of arm strengthening, pitching mechanics and pitching philosophy by Aaron Knieper, former Montreal Expos' star.



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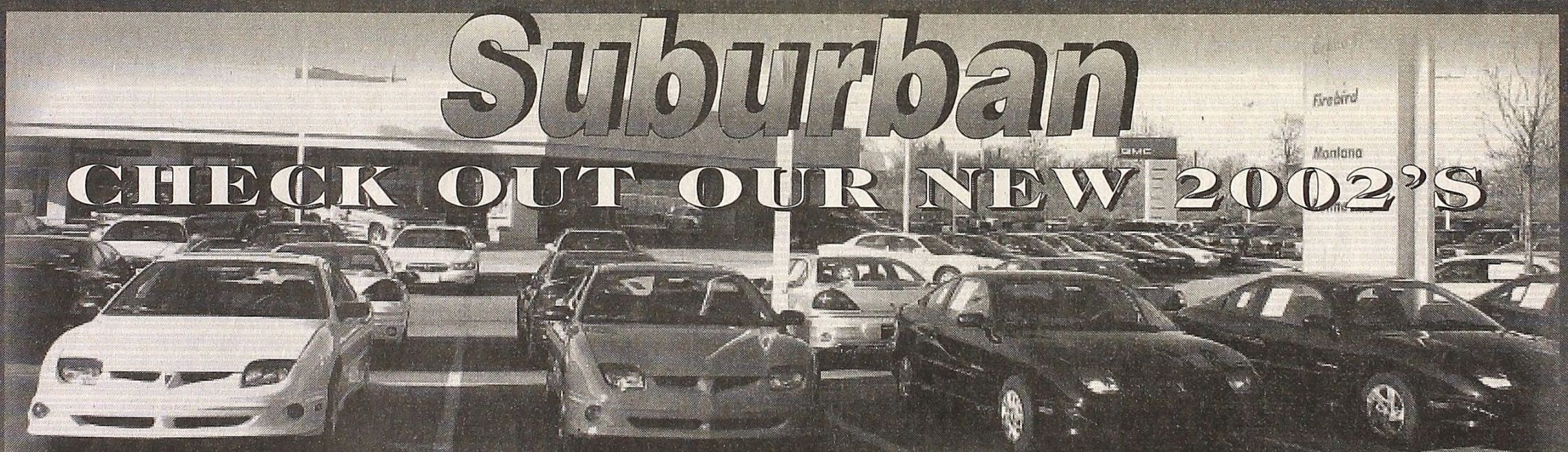
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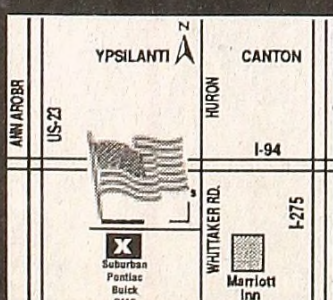
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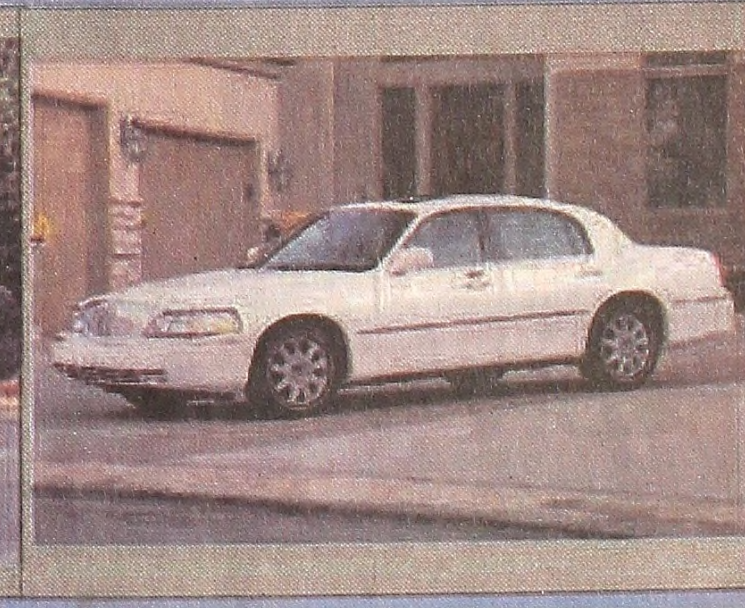
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Over the years, the NAIAS has become a must-attend event for automotive executives and media from around the world. The NAIAS 2001 alone attracted over 6,800 media from 59 countries and six continents. By comparison, the first international auto show in Detroit over a decade ago brought together just 850 journalists, about 60 of those were international.

While the spotlight at the NAIAS is on the vehicles on display, another major component of the show for more than 20 years has been Charity Preview. Held each year on the evening before the show officially opens to the public, Charity Preview has become one of the largest single-night

fundraising events in the world. The event has raised more than \$32 million for children's charities since its inception.

Industry Preview Days, previously called Supplier Preview Days, began in 1991 and continues to be an integral part of the show's preview week. The event offers automotive suppliers and others who support the industry with the exclusive opportunity to preview the show before it opens to the public. More than 1,100 international and domestic companies attended Supplier Preview Days at the NAIAS 2001.

Certainly, the NAIAS continues to capture the public's fascination as well. With the largest number of production and concept vehicles that have never been seen before in North America or the world, the show has consistently drawn rave reviews during public show days.

Although the NAIAS has grown in size and scope over the years, the show's humble beginnings date back to 1907.

It was during that year that the first DADA-sponsored show, called the Detroit Auto Show, was held at Beller's Beer Garden

near the Belle Isle Bridge. Just 17 exhibitors participated in the show, displaying 33 vehicles.

As the years passed, the show became increasingly popular as the demand and interest for automobiles grew. By 1910, the show moved to Wayne Gardens, which, at the time, was the largest space in the city. In 1917, the show moved to Grinley Field, an even larger facility. From there, the auto show had several homes, including Cross Town Garage (1919), the Ford Building (1920), Morgan and Wright's Building (1921-22) and Detroit Artillery Armory (1957).

The 1957 show stands out for more than its new home: 1957 marked the first time foreign auto manufacturers displayed their vehicles. Domestic models from the Big Three now shared floor space with Volvo, German Isotta, Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar and Porsche.

In 1965, the Detroit Auto Show moved to its present location at Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center, which offers one of the largest single-floor showrooms in the world. The facility features 600,000-square feet of

space on the concourse level, with an additional 100,000 square feet on the river level. Called Michigan Hall, the river level of Cobo Center has become an important extension of the main show floor at the NAIAS. The Cobo facility also houses 84 meeting rooms and a 100,000-square-foot concourse and atrium area.

Fourteen years ago, after a year of planning, the Detroit Auto Show officially became the NAIAS. That first international show gained worldwide recognition as a result of a number of significant industry events, including Toyota's and Nissan's introduction of their new luxury divisions -- Lexus and Infiniti, respectively.

Celebrating its 86th year, the NAIAS is one of the longest running auto shows in the country. It is the only auto show in the United States to earn the distinguished sanction of the Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA), a Paris-based alliance of automotive trade associations and manufacturers from around the world.



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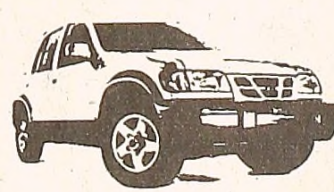
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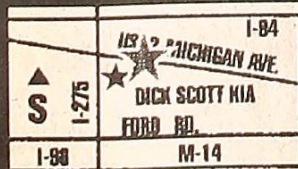
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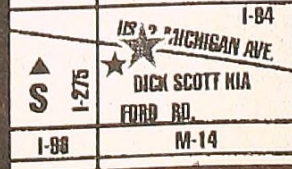
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This year's auto show will be hosted by Bill Demmer

President the Demmer Automotive Group, which owns Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne and Jack Demmer Lincoln Mercury in Dearborn, Demmer is co-chairman of the 2002 North American International Auto Show.

"Over five years, I've worked my way through various positions to become co-chair with Mike Savoie, of Savoie Chevrolet in Troy," Demmer said.

As co-chairman, his job entails divvying up about 1 million square-feet of exhibition space among the car manufacturers for their new model introductions.

"That's my biggest challenge — dealing with the floor space constraints," he said.

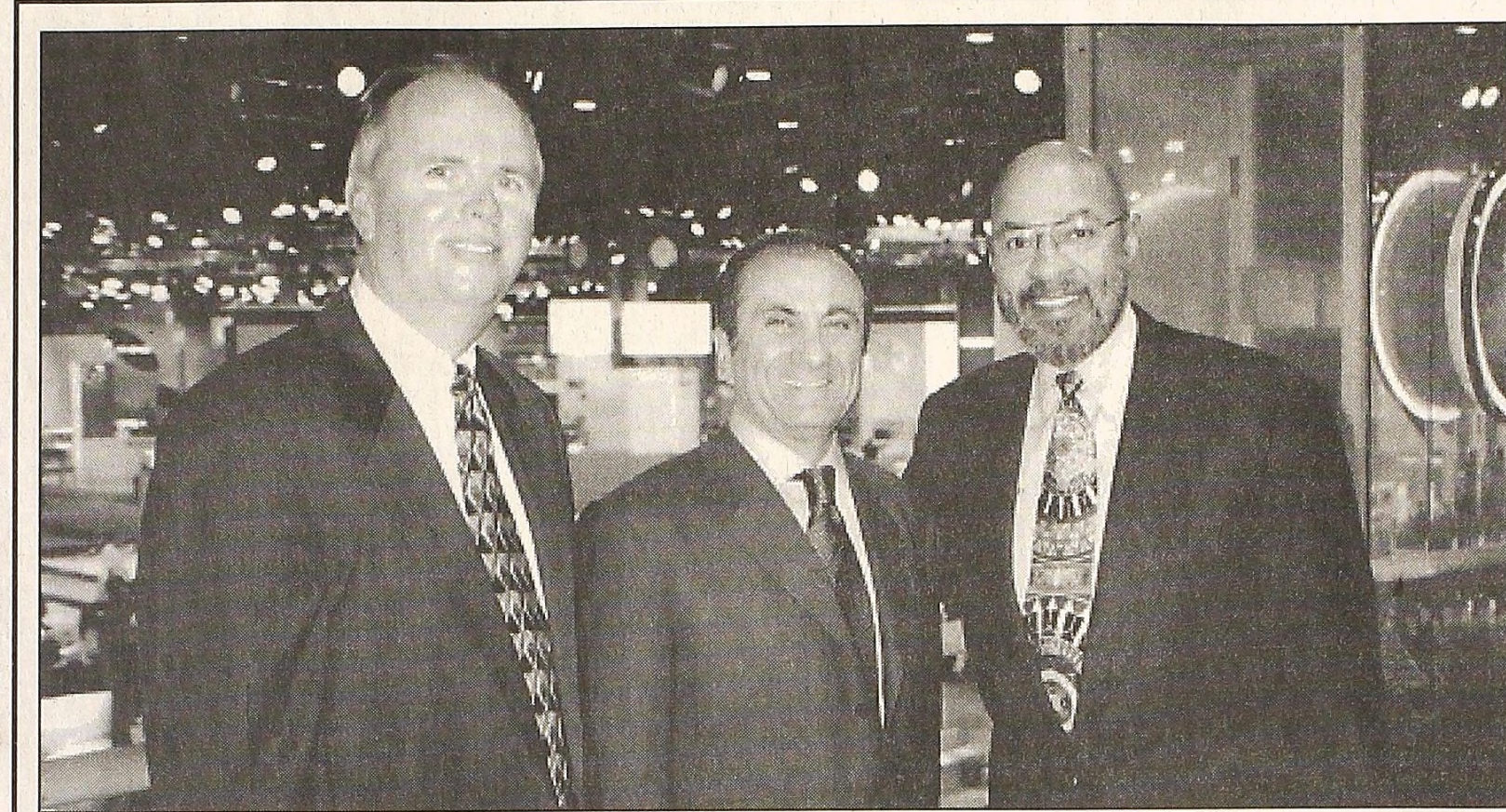
When the manufacturers jockey for exhibition space, Demmer helps them swap or consolidate displays.

"There's a lot of one-upmanship at the show," he said, "so this year there will be about 250,000 square-feet of two-story displays." Before the show opens to the public on Sunday, Demmer oversaw a show for the international press last Saturday, and will host the charity show this Saturday.

"During the shows, I will be doing news interviews and making sure that everything functions well."

To keep himself knowledgeable about shows, Demmer roams the globe to check out the competition.

"We traveled to Geneva, to Paris, and most recently to Germany to see the shows and pick up tips," he said. "We also see the different models that never come



Left-right, Bill Demmer, former Ford CEO Jacques Nasser, and former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer at Ford's exhibit at the Paris Motor Show. Photo courtesy of Demmer Automotive Group

to us, mostly the smaller family cars made for other countries' narrower roads," he said.

When Demmer attended the Paris Motor Show, he was also president of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, which represents some 240 auto dealers in southeastern Michigan, so in addition to his auto show staff, he brought former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and a large group

of automotive industry executives to promote the local automobile industry as well as the show.

"The auto show and related businesses, such as hotels, are expected to generate about \$509 million for our local economy," Demmer said.

Besides the work, Demmer will be having fun at the show. Like the general public, he will be

thrilled and surprised by the displays.

"Everything is kept under wraps until the show," he said. "Part of the show's success comes from keeping the models secret. The unveiling of the models keeps people going through the show."

A quiet and reserved man, Demmer is widely respected by industry leaders and wields con-

siderable influence on the Detroit and international auto scenes.

"For me, one of the best parts about working with Bill is that, despite his success with the family business, his industry leadership and business acumen, he is just a down-to-earth guy and one of the nicest people I know," said Rod Alberts, executive director of the show and the dealers association. "I'm sure that's why he's also

so well regarded by his employees and customers."

Demmer was born into the car business. In 1957, his father, Jack Demmer, opened an Edsel dealership in Wayne. Eleven years later — after the Edsel was history and the dealership had moved and switched to Fords — Jack gave Demmer his first job.

"I started, as a porter in 1968, riding the bus from school at Divine Child in Dearborn to work," said Demmer. "I cleaned cars and swept floors."

After tackling almost all of the other jobs at the dealership and attending Northwood University in Midland, Demmer became president in 1992.

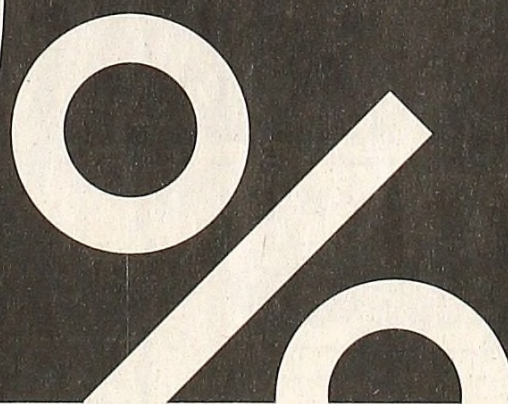
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In addition to his business activities, Demmer volunteers his time and money to the community. To name just two, he sits on the United Health Care Board to Bill provide medical care for the needy and he donates to D.A.R.E..

Demmer, who lives in Northville with his wife Shirley and children Matt, Mark, and Jackie, plans to keep Demmer a family business. His brother, Jim, is vice-president, and his son Matt, Matt, a junior at MSU, works at the dealerships during summer and winter breaks.

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Cadillac

General Motors will host the first big press conference of the NAIAS 2002 in January, with Cadillac expected to be one of the featured brands. During the event, billed as the Concept to Reality show, Cadillac will debut its all-new XLR. This dramatic roadster was first shown in 1999 as the Evoq concept and features a retractable hardtop as well as the first use of the higher output 4.6-liter Northstar V8 engine. A bit more flamboyant is the Cien concept—one of three concept cars expected to be unveiled at GM's press conference. This two-seat supercar will sport a 750-horsepower Northstar V12 engine located directly behind the driver in a mid-engine configuration. It could signal a change in direction for GM's luxury brand. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Cadillac Cien Concept

Chevrolet

General Motors will host the first big press conference of the NAIAS 2002 in January, with Chevrolet expected to be one of the featured brands. In the event, billed as the "Concept to Reality" show, Chevrolet will unveil the production version of its SSR pickup truck/roadster concept. The SSR—Super Sport Roadster—is designed to combine the fun and excitement of an open-air roadster with the utility of a pickup truck. Featuring a retractable hardtop and a powerful V8 engine, the SSR is scheduled to go into production late in 2002. In addition to the SSR, its rumored that Chevrolet will take the wraps off a new concept vehicle called the Bel Air, however no details or confirmation have been made available from the manufacturer. Also expected to be on display at the Chevrolet stand is the Trailblazer EXT—an extended-wheelbase 7-passenger version of the new SUV. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Chevrolet SSR

Chrysler

A year ago it was an unobtainable concept car—no more. Chrysler recently announced the low-slung Crossfire sports car will go into production. Considering the company's history of turning concept cars into reality, the production version may not be much different from the original concept. Crossfire is scheduled to be unveiled at the Greater Los Angeles Auto Show, but it will likely be on display at the NAIAS 2002 as well. Also, according to the NAIAS official list of unveilings, Chrysler will debut a new concept vehicle, however no other details are available, so return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Chrysler Crossfire Concept

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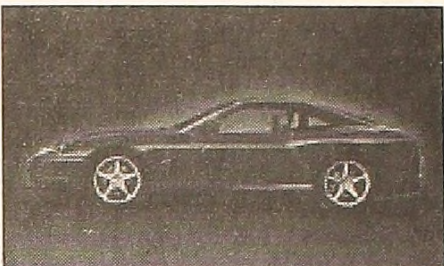
DaimlerChrysler is being extremely secretive regarding its plans for the NAIAS 2002. However, Carpoint has determined there will be at least two concepts vehicles wearing the Dodge brand. In addition, the racing version of the 2003 Dodge Viper will most likely be on display. With more than 500 horsepower from an 8.3-liter overhead-valve V10 engine, this single-seat Grand Touring competition coupe won't be street legal. Priced under \$100,000, it will be ready for competitive GT-class racing, the company said. Torque is an estimated 540 lb-ft at 4600 rpm, and the transmission is a Tremec 6-speed manual. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Dodge Viper Competition Coupe

Ferrari

It's always a wonderful sight to behold at an auto show: a display of the latest stallions from the marque synonymous with exotic Italian performance cars. Although Ferrari has no plans to unveil any new models at the NAIAS 2002, officials are working out the details to display the company's 2001 Formula One race car. Ferrari took the Constructor's title in the 2001 Formula One World Championship with the expert driving Michael Schumacher, who just happened to win the driver's title, too. It's rumored the flagship 550 Maranello will receive some modifications this spring, including a major horsepower boost and the addition of F1-style paddle shifters; however, Ferrari North America will not confirm this as fact. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Ferrari 550 Maranello

Ford

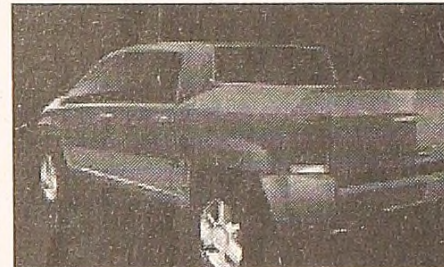
The brand with the blue oval is keeping details about plans for the NAIAS 2002 extremely quiet. Carpoint confirmed that Ford has scheduled one press conference each for car, truck and SUV announcements. Other auto publications have printed rumors about the debut of an F-150 concept built like a Tonka toy, as well as a GT40 sports car Concept; however, neither of these has been confirmed by the manufacturer. Ford has confirmed that the Thunderbird Custom Concept, first shown at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, will be on display. In addition, based on published reports, Carpoint believes 2003 Expedition will be unveiled at Ford's SUV press conference. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Ford Thunderbird Custom Concept

GMC

General Motors will host the first big press conference of the NAIAS 2002 in January, with GMC slated to be one of the featured brands with the debut of the new Terra4 concept. The truckmaker gave selected members of the press a sneak peek of the concept at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance earlier this year. The Terra4 is a four-door truck that exhibits the same angular design of the 2001 Terracross concept. The truck features a power-retractable aluminum tonneau cover, as well as rear quarter panels that can be raised to allow side access to the pickup bed. At stoplights the Terra4's V8 turns off to save fuel, but accessories continue to function via an electric motor. GMC also will display the extended 7-passenger version of the new Envoy SUV, called the Envoy XLT. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



GMC Terra4 Concept

Honda

Honda is expected to take the wraps off an all-new sport-utility vehicle at the NAIAS 2002. Named Pilot, the new SUV will have seating for eight, an advanced V6 engine and, according to Honda, it will have the largest passenger and cargo hauling capacity in its class. Look for the Pilot to go on sale next summer. In addition, Honda will have the 2003 Civic Hybrid on display in Detroit. On sale nationwide next spring, the Civic Hybrid is equipped with a gas-electric powertrain that is expected to achieve 50 miles per gallon. Pricing is expected to be below \$20,000. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



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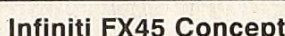
General Motors will host the first big press conference of the NAIAS 2002 in January, with Hummer confirmed as one of the featured brands. In the event, billed as the "Concept to Reality" show, Hummer will show its all-new H2 SUV. Originally shown in concept form at the NAIAS 2000, the H2 is designed to be a smaller, cleaner version of the full-size H1, perhaps better known as the civilian HUMVEE. GM says the H2 will live up to the reputation of the Hummer name, featuring full underbody skid-plate protection; a new independent rear suspension designed for off-road use; and an aggressive look that confirms the H2 is very much a Hummer. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



There are no press conferences planned for the Korea-based automaker in Detroit this coming January; however, the entire Hyundai lineup will be on display and the all-new 2003 Tiburon will be highlighted. Sporting sleek, new styling and a longer wheelbase, the 2003 Tiburon will be available for the first time with a V6 engine teamed with a 6-speed manual transmission. The new Tiburon will go on sale in the spring of 2002. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



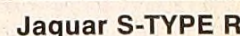
Infiniti has created the unlikely combination of a sports car and SUV in the FX45 concept that will make its North American debut at the NAIAS 2002. This is the second generation of the FX45 concept. Outfitted in what Infiniti calls a "Bionic Cheetah" theme, the FX45 has an aggressive, wide stance featuring 21-inch wheels and a unique roof pillar design. Powering all four wheels is a 300-plus-horsepower V8 engine based on the powerplant found in the Q45. Nissan's luxury marque will also feature the new G35, which replaces the G20 when it goes on sale next spring. In addition to its new styling, the G35 sports a powerful 3.5-liter V6 engine that drives the rear wheels. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Isuzu introduced the first of three Axiom-based concept vehicles, the XSF, at the 2001 Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association (SEMA) show this past fall, with the remaining two scheduled to be unveiled at the NAIAS 2002. Aside from their names—XSR and XST—details of these two concepts have been kept quiet. All three vehicle are designed to provide a glimpse of the future possibilities for the Axiom. For more details, return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



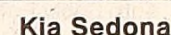
While rumors have been circulating for a while about a high-performance version of Jaguar's S-TYPE becoming available in the U.S., Carpoint has confirmed that the S-TYPE R will make an appearance at the NAIAS 2002. The S-TYPE R will boast a whopping 400-horsepower, courtesy of Jaguar's new 4.2-liter supercharged V8. In addition to the power boost, the S-TYPE R will feature a 6-speed automatic transmission, sports suspension and Brembo brakes. A distinctive interior and a mesh wire front grille further set the S-TYPE R apart from the rest of the S-TYPE line. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



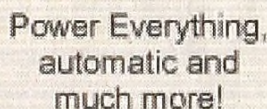
Although DaimlerChrysler has been very quiet about plans for its Jeep division, Carpoint has learned there will be a world debut of a new Jeep concept at NAIAS. No other information has been released about the new vehicle; however, the Willys2 concept, originally shown in Tokyo, will be on display in Detroit. Building on the original Willys concept, the Willys2 adds a carbon fiber hardtop with an integrated roof rack that features bindings for all sort of outdoor gear, as well as three fog and searchlights. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



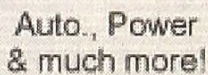
Kia has no press conference planned for the NAIAS 2002; however, the Korea-based automaker will have its entire lineup on display, including the newest model: the 2002 Sedona minivan. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



It's been a few years since the "other" Italian sports car marque had a new model to show. However, in January the Lamborghini Murciélago will make its North American debut in Detroit. The successor to the Diablo features smoother lines and a more potent power plant. The Murciélago boasts a 6.2-liter V12 engine that puts its 580 horsepower to the ground through all four wheels. All that power means the new Lamborghini reaches sixty mph in less than four seconds, with a top speed of over 200 mph. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



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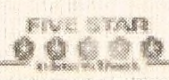
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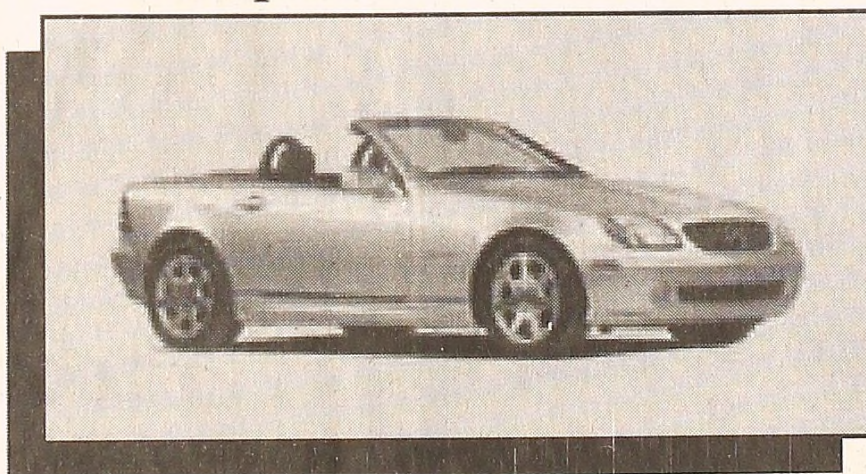
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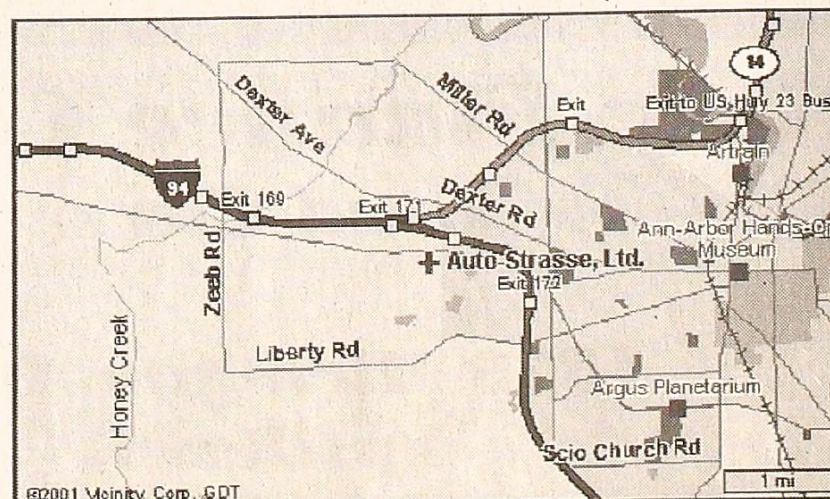


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Land Rover

When Ford purchased Land Rover there was a question regarding whether the next-generation Range Rover would feature the planned 4.4-liter V8 engine built by the British marque's previous owner, BMW. The question has been answered: the new Land Rover flagship will indeed feature the BMW engine when it makes its worldwide debut in Detroit this January. In addition to the new powerplant, the Range Rover sports new styling inside and out, with a host of technological innovations designed to improve both on- and off-road ability. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



2003 Land Rover Range Rover

Lexus

Already claiming two of the top-selling luxury SUVs, Toyota's premium marque is going for three. The new GX470 will make its worldwide debut at the NAIAS 2002. Details have not been released; however, it is likely the new model will share a platform with Toyota's full-size Sequoia. This latest addition will give Lexus an SUV to compete with vehicles such as the Lincoln Navigator and Cadillac Escalade. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Lexus GX470

Lincoln

Although Ford's luxury brand is not planning to have an official press conference at the NAIAS 2002, there will be new product on display. The 2003 Town Car features significant changes, including fresh exterior styling as well as a new frame, steering, brakes and front suspension designed to improve ride and handling. In addition to the Town Car, the 2003 Navigator—scheduled to be unveiled in Los Angeles—will likely be on display in Detroit. Both these vehicles go on sale next summer. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Lincoln Town Car

Maserati

Maserati marks its return to the U.S. market with two introductions at the NAIAS 2002 in January. The Spyder, which will make its North American debut, is a sleek two-seat roadster designed by Italian stylist Giorgetto Giugiaro of Italdesign. Its 4.2-liter V8 engine pumps out 390 horsepower, good enough for a top speed of more than 175 mph. In addition to the Spyder, Maserati will unveil a new 4-seat coupe in a worldwide debut. Both Maseratis are expected to go on sale in the fall of 2002. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Maserati Spyder

Mazda

Mazda will most likely unveil a new sedan designed to replace both the 626 and Millenia at this January's NAIAS 2002. The Mazda 6, sold in Japan as the Atenza, features sporty styling and two new engines. Also debuting in Detroit is the final production version of the RX-8. Originally shown in concept form at the 2001 NAIAS, the RX-8 retains unique "freestyle" doors, seating for four, and the new-generation Renesis rotary engine. Both models will go on sale in early 2003. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Mazda 6

Mercedes-Benz

The first new-generation Mercedes-Benz SL Roadster in twelve years will make its North American debut in January. Featuring elegant new styling, the fifth generation in the SL series features the latest technology, including ABC active suspension, ESP stability control, and the world's first electronic brake system. The new SL also sports a retractable hardtop that stows itself out of sight in about 16 seconds. In addition to the SL, there will be a worldwide debut of a new Mercedes concept; however, the manufacturer is staying quiet about the new vehicle's details. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



2003 Mercedes-Benz SL

Mercury

Although there is no press conference scheduled for the Mercury division of Ford at the upcoming NAIAS, the new Mountaineer will most certainly be on display. Mountaineer was redesigned for 2002 and features seating for seven, V8 power and full-time all-wheel drive. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Mercury Mountaineer

MINI

It's been more than a year since the MINI Cooper was unveiled at the Paris Motor Show, and just a few months ago the Cooper S debuted in Tokyo. It's finally North America's turn. Both the Cooper and more powerful Cooper S will be on display at the NAIAS 2002. MINI is now a division of BMW, and although MINI is a very small car, it has many of the safety features and driving dynamics found in BMW automobiles. MINI goes on sale in the U.S. next spring, with pricing and option information expected to be released at the Detroit show. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



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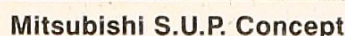


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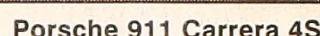
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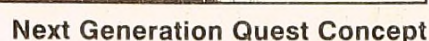
Mitsubishi will take the wraps off three concept vehicles at the NAIAS 2002. Two of these vehicles, the S.U.P. and Space Liner, were originally shown at the Tokyo Motor Show in October 2001. The S.U.P., which stands for Sport Utility Pack, includes removable backpacks built into the front seatbacks, waterproof upholstery and a drawer under the rear bumper. And at the back of the S.U.P. you'll find a portable shower head and water storage tank for rinsing off after a swim in the ocean! The Space Liner concept includes a built-in handbag and a rear seat styled like a sofa. Carpoint expects that the Japan-based manufacturer will also debut a new product at the show; however, nothing has been confirmed. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



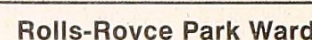
Porsche will debut two new 911 models to North America at the NA-
IAS 2002—the Carrera 4S and the Carrera Targa. Both were first unveiled
at the Frankfurt Motor Show this past September. The new Carrera 4S,
which will replace the Carrera 4 in the U.S. market, combines the all-
wheel drive of the Carrera 4 with the design and chassis elements of the
911 Turbo. Meanwhile, the Carrera Targa returns to the U.S. after a five-
year absence, featuring a sliding glass roof panel that slides beneath the
rear window courtesy of two electric motors that are almost silent. Both
new 911s will go on sale early in 2002. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NA-
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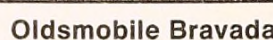
Nissan plans to take minivan design well into the future when it unveils the Next Generation Quest Concept at the NAIAS 2002. The Quest concept features a long, sleek cabin; centralized information center; an advanced rear-seat entertainment system; unique wraparound glass treatment; and 20-inch wheels—a departure from what Nissan refers to as traditional minivan design. Closer to hitting the streets is the final production version of the long-awaited Z-Car. With subtle changes from the concept shown at last year's Detroit show, the new 350Z will be powered by a 3.5-liter V6 engine capable of at least 260 horsepower. The new Z is expected to go on sale in mid-2002 as a 2003 model. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



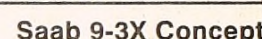
Rolls-Royce will not be introducing any new vehicles at the NAIAS 2002; however, the luxurious Park Ward will be on display. Next year BMW takes possession of the Rolls-Royce brand, so until then it is highly unlikely that anything new will come from the prestigious marque. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



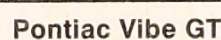
General Motors will host the first big press conference of the NAIAS 2002 in January; however, it is unlikely than any vehicles wearing the Oldsmobile brand will be shown. General Motors has already announced that the Oldsmobile division will be retired in 2004. The newest Oldsmobile, the Bravada, will be on display at the Oldsmobile stand. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



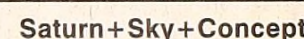
There have been rumors of a Saab SUV in the works, and the concept scheduled to be shown at the NAIAS 2002 is the Swedish marque's first venture in this direction. The 9-3X, described as a "cross-over coupe," was designed to show that an all-wheel-drive vehicle with off-road capabilities can still be fun and appealing when driven on the pavement. The 9-3X will also indicate the future direction of Saab design. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Pontiac has not scheduled a specific press conference at the NAIAS 2002, although there will be several announcements made by parent company General Motors. And while it has not been confirmed, there is rumor that a new roadster concept wearing the Pontiac name will debut at this January's show. Meanwhile, the production version of the Vibe, shown in concept form last January, will be on display. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



General Motors will host the first big press conference of the NAIAS 2002 in January, and Saturn will be one of the featured brands. The company will be showing the Sky concept—a four-seat convertible with folding back seats that make way for a rigid cover, transforming Sky into a two-seat roadster. There is a rear access door for back-seat riders, similar to the one in current Saturn S-series coupes. Gauges are centered at the top of the dashboard rather than in front of the steering wheel. Although GM's press conference is billed as the "Concept to Reality" show, GM has not yet confirmed that Sky is production-bound. Perhaps confirmation will come in Detroit. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



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Subaru

Subaru will be unveiling an all-new production model at the NAIAS 2002. Based on the ST-X concept originally unveiled in Los Angeles two years ago, this new crossover vehicle will combine Subaru's successful Outback model with the versatility of a pickup truck. No name has been announced for the newest Subaru, however it is known that the vehicle will be built in Lafayette, IN starting in the third quarter of 2002. Approximately 24,000 units are expected to be produced annually. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Subaru ST-X Concept

Suzuki

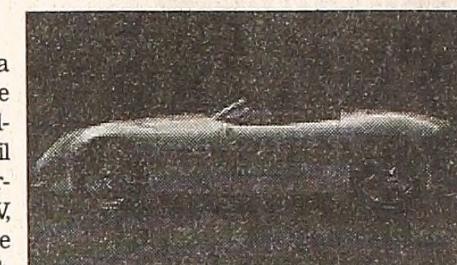
Suzuki will unveil an all-new model at the NAIAS 2002 in January: the Aerio. This new vehicle will be available as a sedan or wagon when it goes on sale next spring, and both versions will be powered by a 141-horsepower engine. The initial Aerio will be front-wheel drive when it goes on sale next April; the 2003 model will be available with full-time all-wheel drive. Pricing is expected to be released during the Suzuki press conference in Detroit. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Suzuki Aerio

Toyota

It's hard to believe there have been eight generations of the Toyota Corolla, but at the NAIAS 2002 the Japan-based automaker will premiere the ninth generation of its compact sedan. In addition to the 2003 Corolla, an all-new concept vehicle will make its world debut. The only detail released is the name: CCX. Toyota will also have the final production version of the 2003 Matrix on display. A cross between a wagon and an SUV, Matrix has a versatile interior with room for five passengers, and it will be available with all-wheel drive. The FXS V8 roadster concept shown at the Tokyo Motor Show will also be on display. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



Toyota FXS Concept

Volkswagen

More power—that seems to be the message from Volkswagen regarding plans for the NAIAS 2002. The New Beetle gets a new Turbo S trim, featuring ESP stability control system, a 6-speed manual transmission and a boost in power to 180 horsepower. The VR6 engine, found in both the GTI and Jetta GLI, will now produce 200 horsepower, and the new Passat V8 will generate an impressive 275 horsepower. In addition to these powerful new models, VW will debut an all-new concept vehicle in Detroit. The German car company is keeping quiet about details of the concept, so we'll have to wait to learn more. Return to this Official Web Site January 6-8 to see Carpoint's live coverage of NAIAS 2002.



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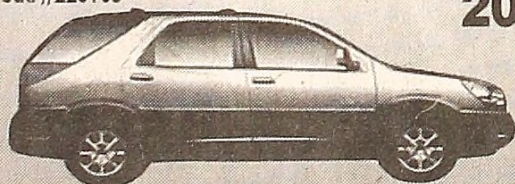
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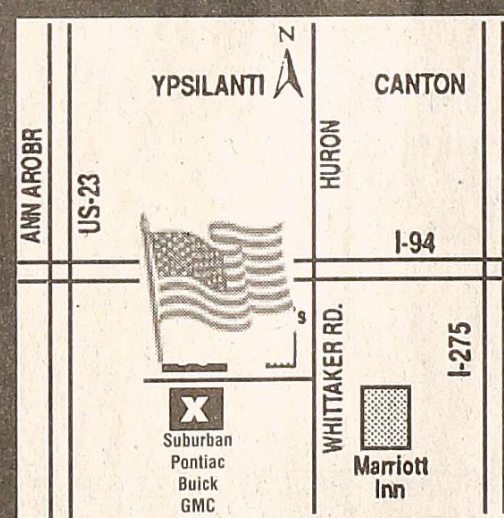
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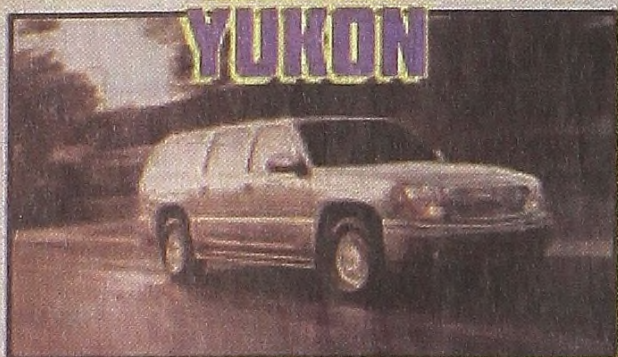
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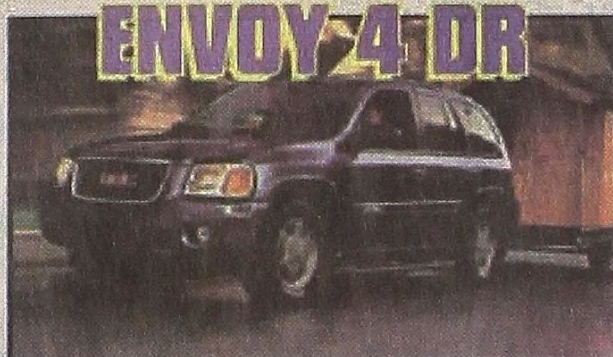


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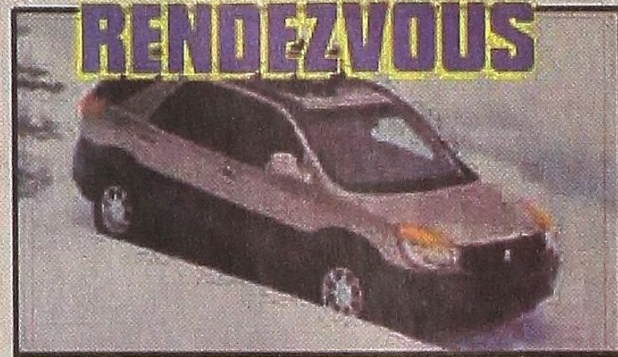


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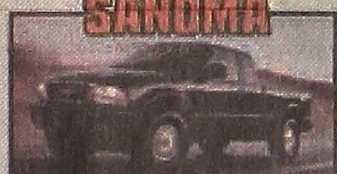


Vortec 4800 V8 SPI eng., auto trans, Pwr/Torque ALUMIN. Box, AM/FM/CD, recovery hooks, functioning balling pump, pkg., air cond., cruise, remote keyless entry, pwr. windows & locks, deep tinted glass, 20" mirror, windows & more. Stk. #72160

GMS \$20,106.40* + 5.9% APR!
\$260⁸⁸**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2835 or Less!

VALUED CUTOMER \$20,812.02*
\$280⁵⁹**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2835 or Less!

2002 SANDRA



Auto trans w/OD, new flash-to-past lights, 100-amp alternator, 4-wheel ABS, leather, big job strength in a compact pickup. Stk. #72000

GMS \$11,403.04* + 5.9% APR!
\$171⁷²**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2641 or Less!

VALUED CUTOMER \$11,717.80*
\$181²⁸**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2641 or Less!

2002 CENTURY CUSTOM SEDAN



3.1L SPI V6, sunroof, 16" cast alum. wheels, Special Edition, 6-way pwr. driver seat, Premium Pkg., cruise, AM/FM w/1st locking case, rear def. Stk. #92050

GMS \$18,065.19* + 5.9% APR!
\$295⁹⁹**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2733 or Less!

VALUED CUTOMER \$18,547.07*
\$316³¹**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2733 or Less!

2002 MONTANA



3.4L 3400 SPI V6, auto, 7-pass, seating w/2nd row capt. chairs, Convenience Pkg., AM/FM/cass, leather seats, pwr. front seats, leather steering wheel, window air, rear seat w/20" 18" alum. wheels. Stk. #92050

GMS \$21,900.48* + 5.9% APR!
\$296¹⁶**
 Lease
 Total Due \$3095 or Less!

VALUED CUTOMER \$22,544.85*
\$315⁷³**
 Lease
 Total Due \$3095 or Less!

2002 GRAND PRIX GT SEDAN



3.6L 3800 V6, auto, pwr. seats, pwr. windows, 6-way pwr. seat, air cond., V6, cruise, AM/FM/CD w/6 speakers, rear air-cond. Stk. #92000

GMS \$19,255.48* + 5.9% APR!
\$242⁴³**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2516 or Less!

VALUED CUTOMER \$19,812.89*
\$269⁹⁵**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2516 or Less!

2002 GRAND AM SEI COUPE



4-cyl. Auto, enhanced leather sys., Pwr. Sunroof, 18" SEI chrome body, chrome wheels w/2000 2000's tires, Moonroof & speaker CD & cassette, stereo, pwr. driver seat, split folding rear seat, remote keyless, pwr. windows & mirrors, cruise. Stk. #92077

GMS \$11,539.25* + 5.9% APR!
\$215⁶⁸**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2906 or Less!

VALUED CUTOMER \$16,445.29*
\$229²⁸**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2906 or Less!

2002 GRAND AM GTI SEDAN



3.4L 3400 SPI V6, auto, enhanced leather sys., 4th leather bucket seats, split folding rear seat, Sport 1st, 6-way pwr. driver seat w/turning left, pwr. windows & mirrors, pwr. sunroof, cruise, leather steering wheel, air-cond. Stk. #92000

GMS \$17,844.80* + 5.9% APR!
\$235⁹⁹**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2533 or Less!

VALUED CUTOMER \$18,470.09*
\$250²¹**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2533 or Less!

2002 LESABRE CUSTOM SEDAN



Air cond., six passenger comfort, loaded with power equipment, Ram seat, w/locking armrest, AM/FM stereo w/1st locking cassette, huge trunk! Stk. #92000

GMS TO EVERYONE ON ALL LESABRES!
\$19,494⁶⁵*
 CASH
 5.9% APR At All Terms

2002 SUNFIRE SE COUPE



Auto trans., pwr. sunroof, Sun & Sound Pkg., leather seats, rear spoiler, AM/FM stereo w/CD, equalizer, 100 & 6-speaker sound. Stk. #92000

GMS \$12,917.50* + 5.9% APR!
\$179⁰⁴**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2548 or Less!

VALUED CUTOMER \$12,345.99*
\$188⁹⁷**
 Lease
 Total Due \$2548 or Less!

2002 YUKON XL 4WD



Heavy-duty balling equip., SLT, leather, ultrasoft leather seat trim, AM/FM/CD/cass, highback bucket seats, PWR/TORR V8, Stk. #72140

GMS \$32,330.95* + 5.9% APR!
\$412⁵⁵**
 Lease
 Total Due \$3146 or Less!

VALUED CUTOMER \$33,358.75*
\$443⁷¹**
 Lease
 Total Due \$3146 or Less!

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\$287⁷⁷** **\$22,516***



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\$299⁴⁷** **\$26,362***



2002 XTERRA XE
\$286⁸⁷** **\$21,644***



2002 QUEST
\$298⁷³** **\$22,520***